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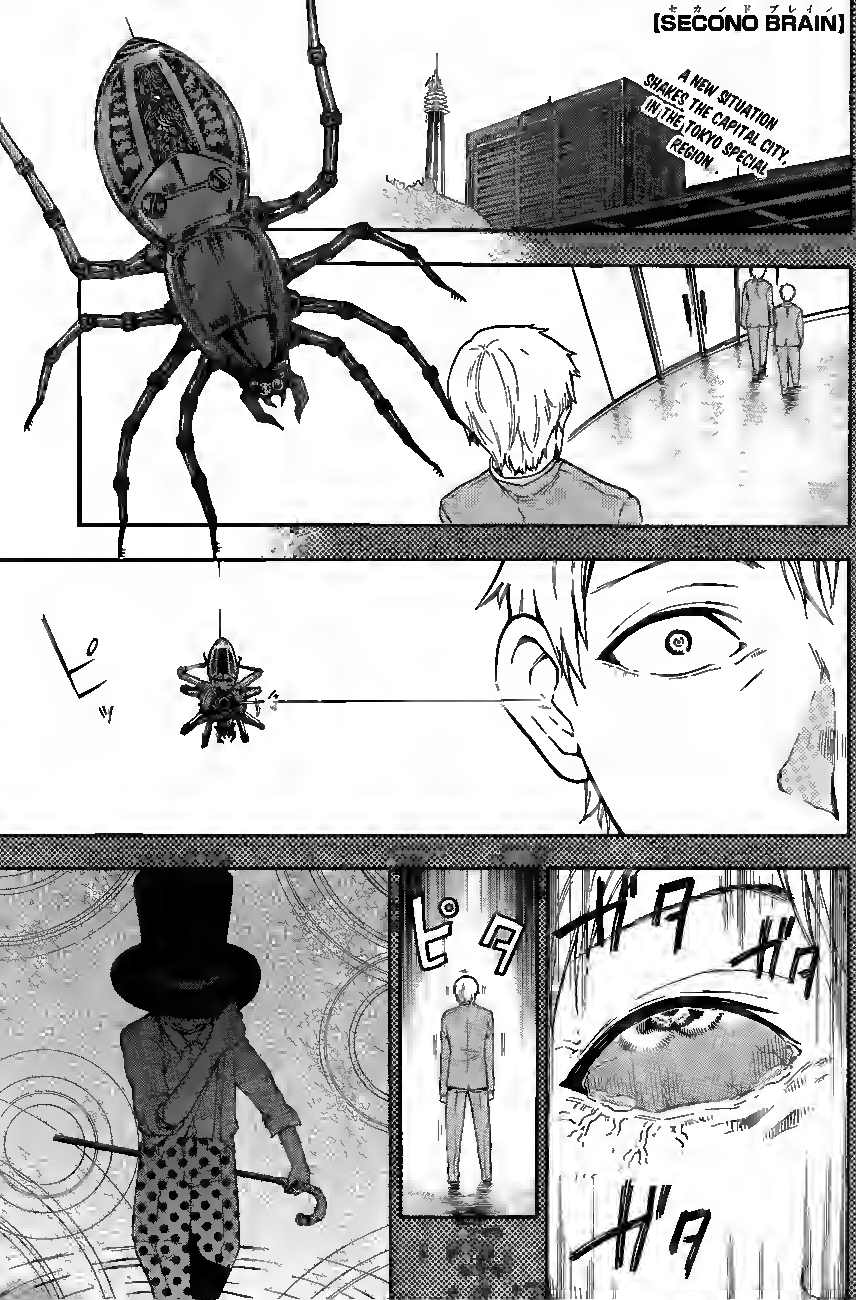
A NEW SITUATION SHAKES THE CAPITAL CITY, IN THE TOKYO SPECIAL REGION.
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SECOND BRAIN
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HAAH...
WHEN WE GO OUT, WE NEED TO DANCE THROUGH THIS DARK TUNNEL...
I can't get used to this
THE LONG-AWAITED FIRST VOLUME COMES OUT ON THE 4TH OF APRIL (FRIDAY)!!
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT.
WE CAN'T MAKE THE LOCATION OF THE HQ PUBLIC.
DATA RECOGNIZED. LOCK RELEASED.

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THE GOVERNMENT CONCEALS THE TRUTH...
ABOUT THE SECOND BRAIN AS WELL AS THE ABILITY USERS
ONLY THE TOP BRASS KNOW OF IT.
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EH...
IT MAY BE INCONVENIENT, BUT PLEASE BEAR WITH IT.
EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...
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WHAT...
IS THIS...
THE WAY TO SCHOOL LEADS THROUGH A FOREST...
HM? ISN'T THAT NORMAL?
IT'S NOT NORMAL AT ALL!!
IF SOME-ONE SEES US, THEY'LL THINK WE LIVE IN THE FOREST!!
I'm not Tanuki!
"WHOAA, SO THIS IS THE CITY!! SO APPALLING!!"
BUT LOOK!!
SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, WE CAN PRETEND WE ARE KIDS FROM THE WILD!
I WON'T DO ANYTHING OF THE SORT!!!
HMM...
I JUST WANTED TO BE TACTFUL, SINCE YOU LOOK SO BORED...
.....
DON'T FUSS ABOUT USELESS THINGS...
Just kind of characters like those.

COMMANDER TONOKAI,
I RECEIVED THE REPORTS ABOUT THE RESEARCHER SERIAL MURDER CASE COMMITTED BY NUMBER 5 THE OTHER DAY...
ALSO...
THE BOY WHO HAS THE SAME BRAIN AS NUMBER 5...
WILL HE BE A GOOD FORTUNE OR A BAD FORTUNE FOR US...?
DEPENDING ON THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WE MAY NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW TO DISPOSE OF HIM...
BE ON YOUR GUARD AT ALL TIMES.
NOW THEN, AS FOR THE OTHER DAY'S INCIDENT... THE THING NUMBER 5 IS LOOKING FOR...
...
WE WERE INVESTIGATING ABOUT THAT CASE, TOO.
...AND...
WE...
HAVE SUCCESSFULLY FOUND HIM.
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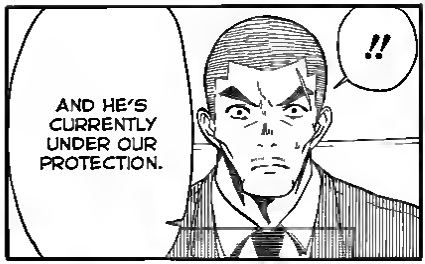
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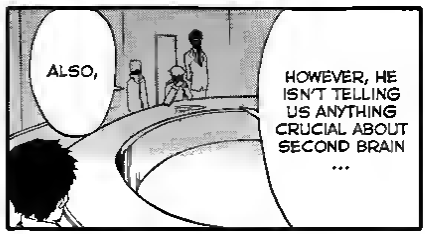
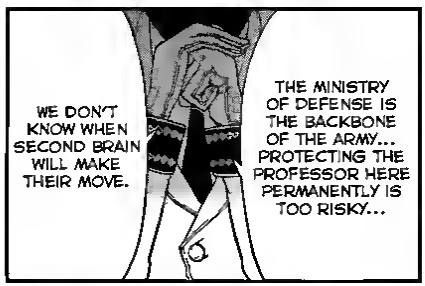
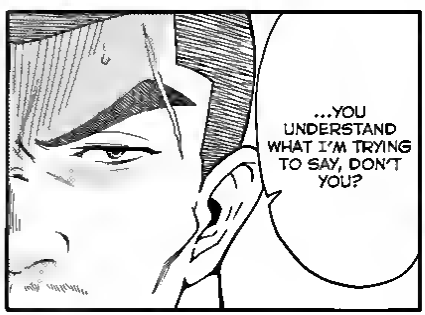
AND HE'S CURRENTLY UNDER OUR PROTECTION.


ALSO,
HOWEVER, HE ISN'T TELLING US ANYTHING CRUCIAL ABOUT SECOND BRAIN ...

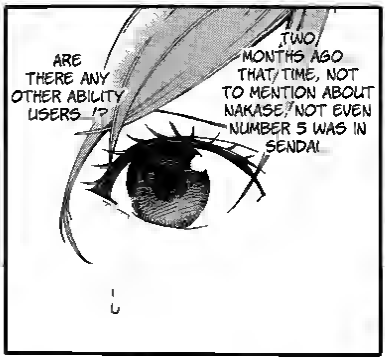

WE DON'T KNOW WHEN SECOND BRAIN WILL MAKE THEIR MOVE.
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE IS THE BACKBONE OF THE ARMY... PROTECTING THE PROFESSOR HERE PERMANENTLY IS TOO RISKY...


...YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY, DON'T YOU?

THE LEADER OF THE NUMBER 5 DEVELOPMENT TEAM,
PROFESSOR KOORIYAMA.

IF ANYONE KNOWS ANYTHING OF CLASS 2'S NAKASE, PLEASE SAY SO.
SO, BECAUSE OF THAT...
RIGHT NOW, INDOU-SAN IS LOOKING AFTER HIM...
.. THAT BOY IS STILL UNCONSCIOUS, BUT I HEARD HIS LIFE IS NOT IN DANGER ANYMORE...
WHY...
WHY JUST YOU..?
HEY, DID YOU HEAR?
...I SEE...
YOU ARE A LUCKY BOY...
HAHH...

I MEAN, THE ONES FROM THE RUMOR TWO MONTHS AGO.
HUH...? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
THERE'S A RUMOR IT'S THE DOING OF THOSE "WHITE COATS".
NAKASE'S CASE THIS TIME...


ARE THERE ANY OTHER ABILITY USERS...!?
TWO MONTHS AGO THAT TIME, NOT TO MENTION ABOUT NAKASE, NOT EVEN NUMBER 5 WAS IN SENDAI.

PEOPLE WITH SUPERNATURAL POWER.
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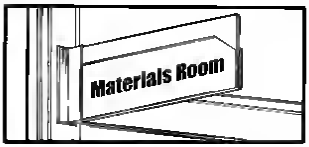
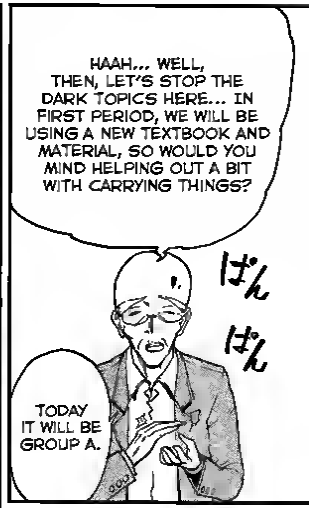

Materials Room

TONOKAI-SAN! ISN'T IT HEAVY? IF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ANYTHING, ASK ME!
THANKS... UMM...

UMM... ANDOU, ICHIHARA, KOGA, SAKAMOTO, TONOKAI, MINAMIDA, AND THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVES, MUROSAWA AND YOSHIZAKI. PLEASE TAKE CARE OF IT.
Attendance Record


HAAH... WELL, THEN, LET'S STOP THE DARK TOPICS HERE... IN FIRST PERIOD, WE WILL BE USING A NEW TEXTBOOK AND MATERIAL, SO WOULD YOU MIND HELPING OUT A BIT WITH CARRYING THINGS?
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TODAY IT WILL BE GROUP A.

I'M THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE, YOSHIZAKI.
I I'M.. MINAMIDA...
I'M... KOGA SUGURU. LET'S GET ALONG!
ZEONG.
Of course not the Perfect one!
MY NAME IS SAKAMOTO.
NOW THEN, TONOKAI-SHI... WHICH MOBILE SUIT DO YOU LIKE?
I'M... ANDOU SAYA. LET'S GET ALONG, HIKARI-CHAN.
HEY, MUROSAWA-KUN!!
AH! THAT'S RIGHT, WE HAVEN'T INTRODUCED HIM YET.
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PEOPLE LIKE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
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HE'S THE CLASS REPRESENTATIVE,
MUROSAWA ITSUKI-KUN.
I'M MUROSAWA.
LET'S GET ALONG
NICE TO MEET YOU.
WHAT'S WITH YOU, SHUNICHI? YOU'RE IN A REALLY BAD MOOD...
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DELIN-QUENT?
I ADMIT HE'S A BIT UNSOCIABLE AND QUICK-TEMPERED, BUT..
HE'S NOT A BAD GUY, SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY.
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HUUH..!?
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT...?
HE WENT "DERE"!!?

T/N "DERE" AS FROM "TSUNDERE"

HUH/? SOMEHOW IT'S DIFFERENT FROM THE RUMORS, NO!?
HUH... BUT I'VE SEEN HIM FIGHTING WITH NAKASE...
BUT IT'S NOT LIKE A DELINQUENT TO BE "DERE" LIKE THAT.
...CLASS WILL START SOON.
FOR NOW, LET'S CARRY THE MATERIALS THERE.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

YOSHIZAKI-SAN!!

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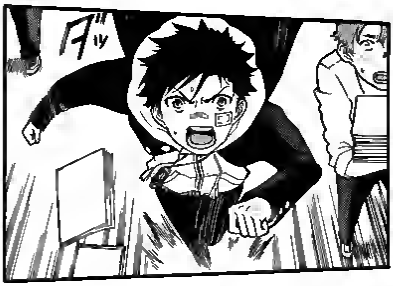
AH…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WATCH OUT!! EVADE!!!
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...BE CAREFUL WHERE YOU STEP.
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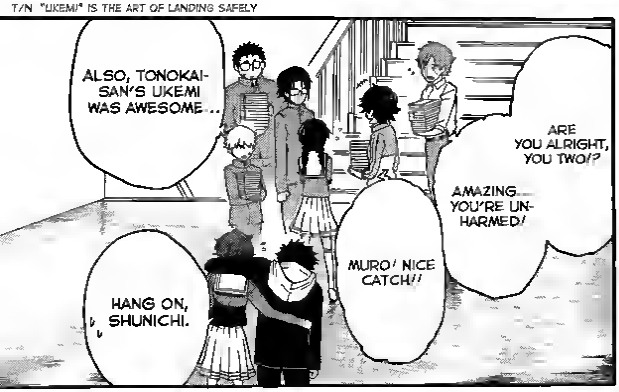
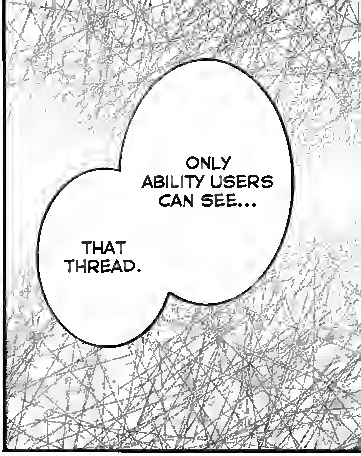
T/N "UKEMI" IS THE ART OF LANDING SAFELY

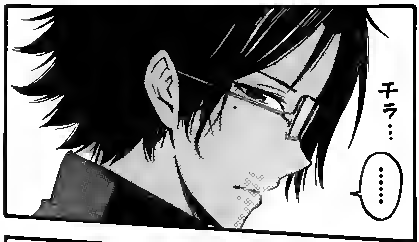


IT COULD BE A TRAP.
PRETEND YOU DIDN'T SEE IT.
ICHIHARA-KUN,
GOT IT?
WE CAN'T LET THEM FIGURE OUT WE ARE ABILITY USERS...


ONLY ABILITY USERS CAN SEE...
THAT THREAD.

AH...
YEAH... I'M FINE...

A...ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
YOU TRIED TO SAVE THEM, AND THEN YOU GOT THE MOST INJURED...
HUH...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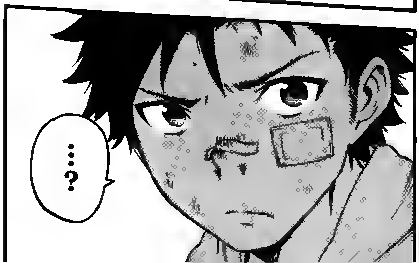
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IS HE JUST A NORMAL TSUNDERE ...!?
HE ANSWERED~ HE'S NOT THAT SCARY.
SO THE DELINQUENT THEORY WASN'T TRUE?
STOP TALKING ABOUT THAT WHILE I'M HERE, TOO!!!

WE HAVE TO HIDE THE PROFESSOR IN SENDAI...?
SO YOU'RE SAYING...
WE'LL LEAVE THE INTERROGATION OF THE PROFESSOR TO YOU, TOO
WHAT ABOUT THAT CASE?
YOU SAID YOU COULDN'T MAKE THE PROFESSOR TALK ABOUT SECOND BRAIN.
I HATE EGOTISTICAL GUYS LIKE YOU VERY MUCH!!
HE JUST WANTS TO ESCAPE HIS RESPONSI-BILITIES!!
WITH WHAT KIND OF TONE ARE YOU ADDRESSING THE BRIGADE LEADER, YOU BITCH!?
ARE YOU TRYING TO PUSH THE DIRTY JOBS ON US!?
WHAT DO YOU MEAN!? WE SHOULD TORTURE HIM TO MAKE HIM TALK, OR WHAT!?
THIS IS WHY WE CAN'T USE FIGUREHEADS FROM THE COUNTRYSIDE LIKE YOU!!
SHUT UP, YOU TRANSVESTITE, PULL BACK!!
HOUNDS SHOULD JUST SHUT UP AND LISTEN TO THEIR OWNER!!
HEY, TSUKI-YAMA!!

I ACCEPT THE REQUEST.
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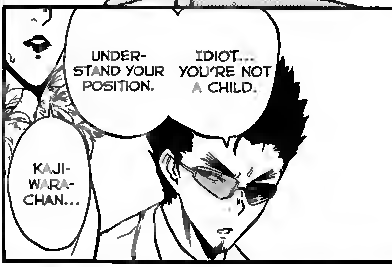
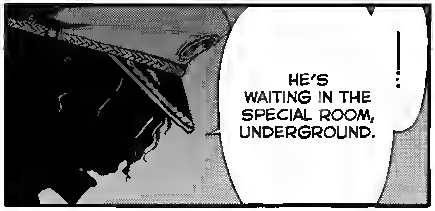
...UNDER-STOOD.

WHAT, WANNA GO AT IT!!?


KAJI-WARA-CHAN...
UNDER-STAND YOUR POSITION.
IDIOT... YOU'RE NOT A CHILD.


HE'S WAITING IN THE SPECIAL ROOM, UNDERGROUND.
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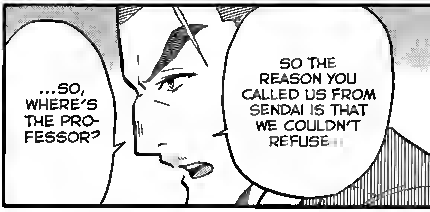
...SO, WHERE'S THE PRO-FESSOR?
SO THE REASON YOU CALLED US FROM SENDAI IS THAT WE COULDN'T REFUSE...

YOU ARE ALL IDIOTS, SO YOU SHOULD GET ALONG BETTER.
...IT'S STUPID, EVEN MORE, IT'S NOT EVEN INTERESTING.

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU, TONOKAI-CHAN, GETTING PUSHED AROUND...
HEHHEHHEHH...
HEHH...

THIS IS WHY I WANT TO CRUSH YOU,
HUMANITY IN ALL, YOU KNOW.
YOU...
WHAT KIND OF JOKE IS THAT?
...
JOKE, HUH...
UHIHI, I DON'T HATE THOSE, THOUGH.
BUT...
THIS IS NOT A JOKE, YOU KNOW. ☆

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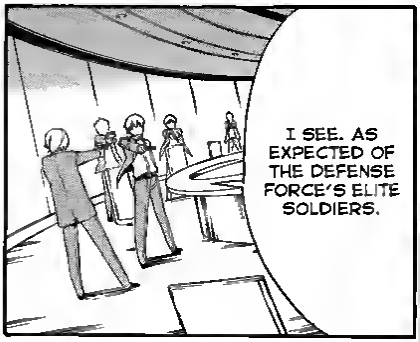
I SEE. AS EXPECTED OF THE DEFENSE FORCE'S ELITE SOLDIERS.

UHYO.

I'M ONLY BORROWING THIS BODY. ONLY THIS GUY WOULD DIE.
EVEN IF YOU SHOOT ME, IT'S FUTILE.☆
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DROP YOUR GUN.
AN ABILITY USER!?
YOUR AIM IS TO ASSASSINATE A VIP, IS THAT RIGHT?
THEN, PSYCHER-KUN,
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NUMBER 1...!? WHO ARE YOU ...!?
ME?
BUT NUMBER 1 WOULD BE MAD WITH ME, SO...
I LIKE "MASS MURDER" MORE THAN "ASSASSINATION", THOUGH.
HMM~~ WELL, SOMETHING LIKE THAT, I GUESS?

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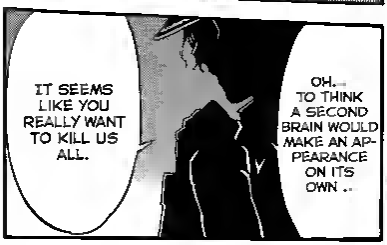
IT SEEMS LIKE YOU REALLY WANT TO KILL US ALL.
OH... TO THINK A SECOND BRAIN WOULD MAKE AN APPEARANCE ON ITS OWN ..

WE'LL KILL ALL WHO ARE IN OUR WAY.
YOU ARE IN OUR WAY, YOU KNOW.
THE REAL GAME OF "MUSICAL CHAIRS" IS JUST STARTING NOW.
NOW IS NOT THE TIME FOR YET, THOUGH.

I AM...
THE SECOND BRAIN,
"NUMBER 3",
THE RULER OF THIS UNINTERESTING WORLD.

A GAME OF MUSICAL CHAIRS INVOLVING ...
HUMANITY AND SECOND BRAIN.
WE, WHO ACQUIRED THOSE ABILITIES...
WILL RISE ABOVE HUMANITY IN EVERY WAY.
ALREADY, WISDOM AND ABILITY ARE NOT THE PRIVILEGES OF HUMANITY ALONE.

WE WON'T LEAVE THIS WORLD IN THE HANDS OF YOU INCOMPLETE HUMANS. ★

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HOW ABOUT THIS? ☆
AN ABILITY USER... THAT'S WHY IT DOESN'T WORK ON YOU.
UHYO... IT REPELLED...
WELL, THEN...

UH!
YOU'RE REALLY
SOMETHING...

TSUKIYAMA... DON'T YOU THINK IT'S STRANGE?
?
IF IT'S JUST KILLING US, THERE SHOULD BE A MORE EFFECTIVE WAY.
WHY WOULD THEY NEED TO DO THIS HAND-TO-HAND COMBAT OUT IN THE OPEN!?
!
A DIVERSION!?
IF WE AREN'T THE TARGET, THAT MEANS...
THEY WANT THE PROFES-SOR!!
OOPS, DID THEY NOTICE?
LET'S GO,
TSUKIYAMA!!
YES!!
THEN I SHALL TIDY UP HERE, AND GO AFTER THEM. ☆
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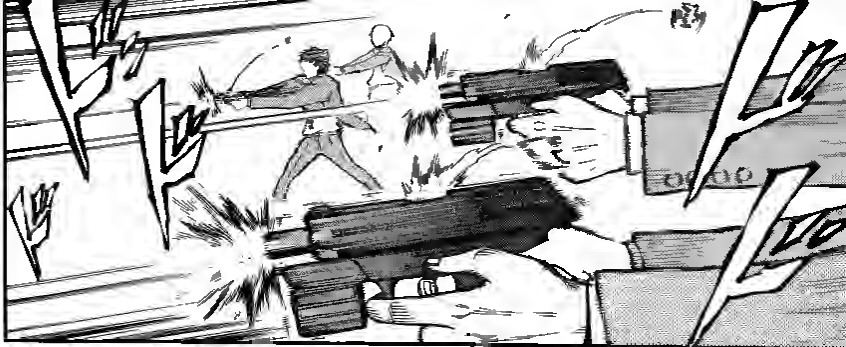
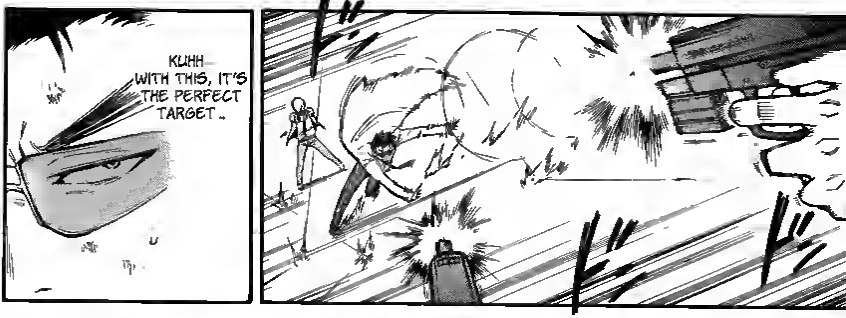
BASEMENT LEVEL 3
THEY'RE TRYING TO DESTROY THE DOOR.
THEY'RE SECURITY GUARDS... WHO ARE BEING CONTROLLED.
UHYO.
DO WE FIGHT?
WE DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER CHOICE, IT SEEMS.

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WITH THIS, IT'S
THE PERFECT
TARGET..

BLUNT
CHAMELEON,
ACTIVATE!!!

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HE DISAP-
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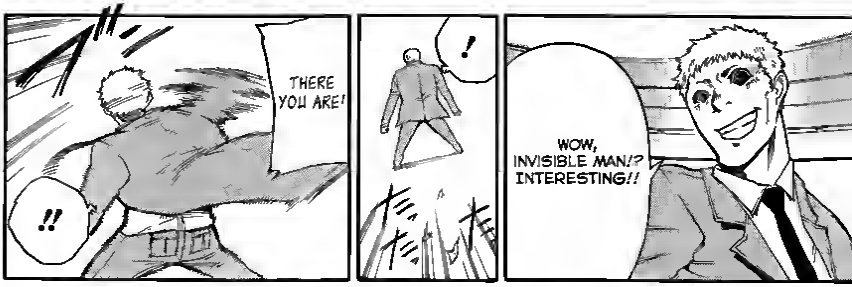
THERE YOU ARE!
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WOW, INVISIBLE MAN!? INTERESTING!!

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KAJIWARA-KUN, WHAT IF A BULLET HITS OUR BRIGADE LEADER? GO AND DO IT THAT WAY.
MY ONLY JOB IS TO GUARD THE BRIGADE LEADER.
HOW ABOUT YOU HELP ME OUT A BIT, LIEUTENANT COLONEL TOUDOU?
HURRY AND TIDY UP.
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SHIT... SOME BULLETS DID HIT ME...
WHERE'S THE COMMANDER...!?
SOMEHOW, I COULD END IT WITHOUT KILLING EVERYONE...

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I'M BEING ATTACKED FEROCIOUSLY RIGHT NOW~~♡
OH MY... WHEN I LOOK AT YOU LIKE THIS, YOU'RE GOOD LOOKING.♡
TSK... BORING.
IT'S NOT THE TIME TO PLAY AROUND!!
SCREECH OUT,
TRAGIC OPERETTA!!!

S...SOUND USER...
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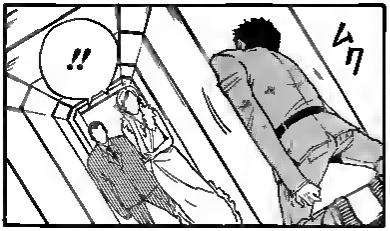
MY EARDRUM...

MY BEAUTIFUL VOICE MADE A MESS OUT OF HIM ♡
DID YOU GET HIM?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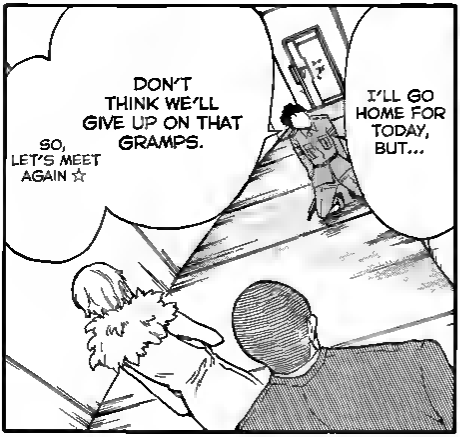
I'LL GO HOME FOR TODAY, BUT...
DON'T THINK WE'LL GIVE UP ON THAT GRAMPS.
SO, LET'S MEET AGAIN ☆

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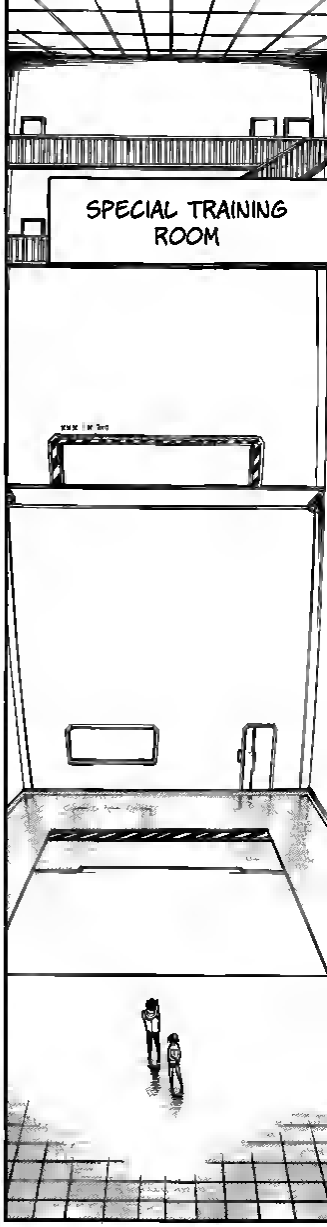
UHYO... IT SEEMS LIKE I OVERDID MYSELF A LITTLE.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE PREPARED.

WELL THEN!!
SEE YOU ☆
COMMAN-DER...
A...ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
KAJI-WARA!
HOW ABOUT YOU!?
YEAH... SOME BULLETS HIT ME, BUT I'M ALRIGHT...
H... HOW'S THE PROFES-SOR...!?
HE'S PROBABLY FINE... HOWEVER,
WE SHOULDN'T BE CARELESS
I'LL CONTACT INDOU.

THAT'S RIGHT
CONCEN-TRATE YOUR CONSCIOUSNESS IN YOUR ARM.


SPECIAL TRAINING ROOM

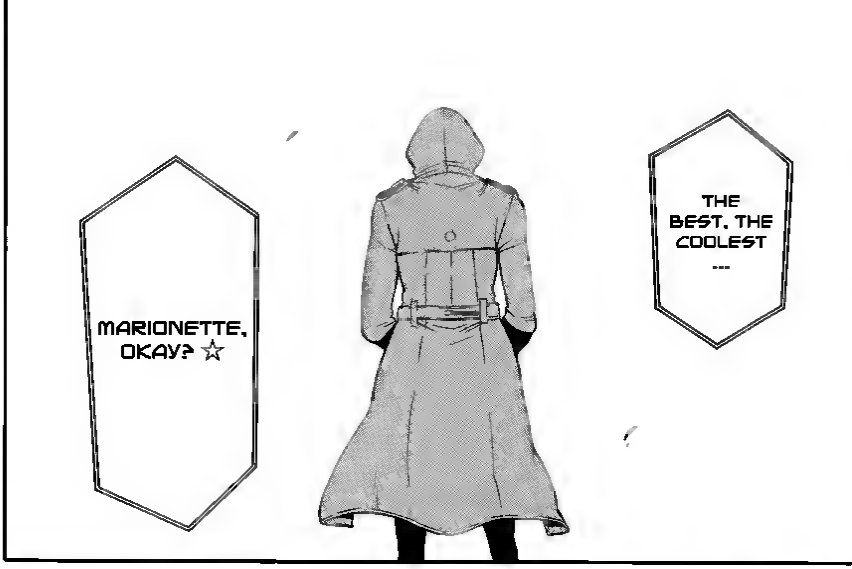
YEAH,
I REALIZED THE TRICK IN THE NAKASE CASE.
YOU'VE BECOME A LOT BETTER IN CONTROLLING IT IN A SHORT TIME.
NOW THAT WIND... LEARNING TO USE YOUR ORIGINAL ABILITY SEEMS THE BEST.
WELL, I ORIGINALLY WANTED TO START WITH TELE, BUT...
I'VE BEEN CURIOUS ABOUT THAT FOR A WHILE.
BY THE WAY, WHAT IS THAT "TELE" YOU SPEAK OF?
.....
HMM.. SO IT'S THAT, RIGHT? IT'S USEFUL, IF YOU CAN USE IT!
TELEKINESIS.
ONE OF THE BASIC ABILITIES OF PSYCHERS
MOVING THINGS, AND REPELLING THEM.
YOU CAN EVEN BE CLAD IN DYNAMIC FORCE.
IT'S EASY TO USE IT FOR ATTACK AND DEFENSE AT THE SAME TIME.
IF YOU TRAIN A LOT, YOU CAN EVEN REPEL BULLETS.
BY THE WAY, IS IT ALRIGHT? ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN SCHOOL.
YEAH.. I REPORTED IT TO INDOU-SAN, TOO.

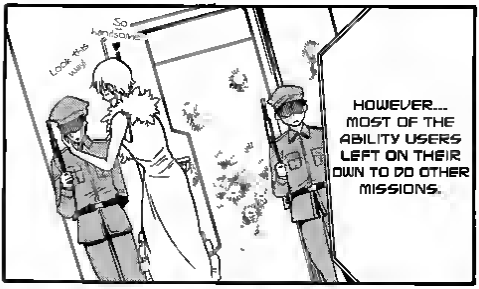
THERE WERE NO ABILITY READINGS.
WE DON'T KNOW THE CULPRIT NOR THE PURPOSE.
IF WE MAKE POOR MOVES, WE JUST LOSE THE INITIATIVE, AND WE WANT TO AVOID THAT.
FORTUNATELY, THERE WAS NO REAL HARM DONE. IT'S MORE LIKE THE OPPOSITE WE CAN SAY THAT SOMEONE WAS SAVED...
WELL, LET'S LOOK INTO THINGS BIT BY BIT, STARTING TOMORROW.

.....
THAT GLASSES GUY... SOMEHOW..
IS THAT RIGHT...?
AH, I GUESS, YEAH.

.....
NOW THEN. LET'S PRACTICE A BIT MORE.
NO. NOTHING.
?
SOMETHING HAPPENED?

AHHAHHA, NUMBER 5 IS SO STRICT!
I SEE. SO YOU LOST AND NONCHALANTLY CAME BACK.
No.1
E.oN
...IS WHAT HAPPENED.
NUMBER 3,
WAIT!! KILLING THAT GRAMPS IS MY JOB, ISN'T IT!?
BUT EVEN THEN, I THINK WE SHOULD STILL LEAVE THE CASE OF THE PROFESSOR TO NUMBER 5.
No.1
...FROM THE START, NUMBER 3'S SPECIALTY IS NOT IN COMBAT...
NUMBER 3, YOU... DON'T JUST-
IT'LL BE ON A TOTALLY DIFFERENT LEVEL COMPARED TO THAT NAKASE KID-
WELL, YOU CAN LEAVE IT TO ME. I'LL BRING YOU A NICE TOY.
No.3
SO I CAN HAVE MY REVENGE BY CAPTURING THAT GRAMPS! ☆
OK!!!
FOR NOW, BRING HIM TO US WITHOUT HURTING HIM.
WE WON'T KILL PROFESSOR KOORIYAMA, SINCE WE HAVE TO ASK HIM SOMETHING...
No.1


THE BEST. THE COOLEST ---
MARIONETTE, OKAY? ☆


So handsome
Look at me!
HOWEVER... MOST OF THE ABILITY USERS LEFT ON THEIR OWN TO DO OTHER MISSIONS.

HUH?
ABILITY USERS TO TOKYO?
Ministry of Defense Secured Line

NEWBIE?
THE ONE YOU TALKED ABOUT?
THAT ONE NEWBIE.
THOSE WHO CAN MOVE RIGHT NOW ARE HIKARI AND—

I HOPE IT'LL BE ALRIGHT. I HEARD HIS ABILITY WENT ON A RAMPAGE THE OTHER DAY.
HMM...
YEAH... I SEE... GOT IT.
ICHIHARA MOMOKO'S SON, HUH...
I...
!?
PROFESSOR?
I... ICHIHARA... MOMOKO'S ...
SON... YOU SAY ...!?
THE ONE WHO KNOWS THE SECRET BEHIND SHUNICHI...!?
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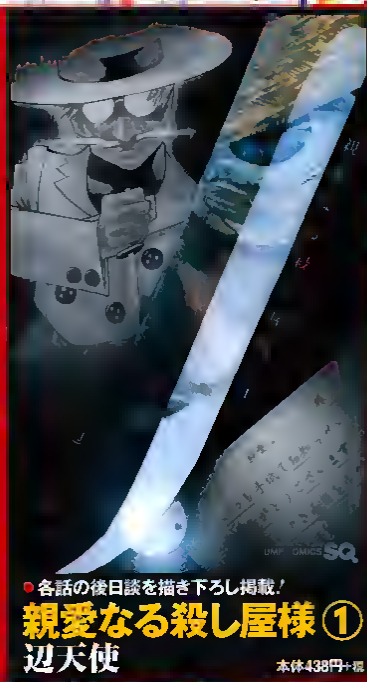

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THE ENEMY WHO NEEDS TO BE TAKEN DOWN... SECOND BRAIN NUMBER 5...!!
DID YOU CALL FOR US, MASTER?
YOU TWO... GO AND GET THAT GRAMPS HERE, BEFORE THAT IDIOT NUMBER 3 GETS TO HIM... I WILL BE THE ONE TO KILL HIM.
No.5
IF I DON'T AT LEAST KILL THAT GRAMPS WITH MY OWN HANDS,
I CAN'T BE SATISFIED.
BUT...
I'M DISGUSTED EVEN BY THE THOUGHT OF LEAVING HOW TO DEAL WITH THAT GRAMPS UP TO THAT IDIOT...
I DON'T CARE, JUST GO.
WHAT ABOUT NUMBER 1'S ORDERS ...?

HIKARI

WHAT'S IN THIS LUGGAGE?

IT'S QUITE HEAVY, IF YOU ASK ME...

THERE'S SOMETHING IMPORTANT IN IT, SO DON'T LET ANYONE WALK AWAY WITH IT, OKAY?

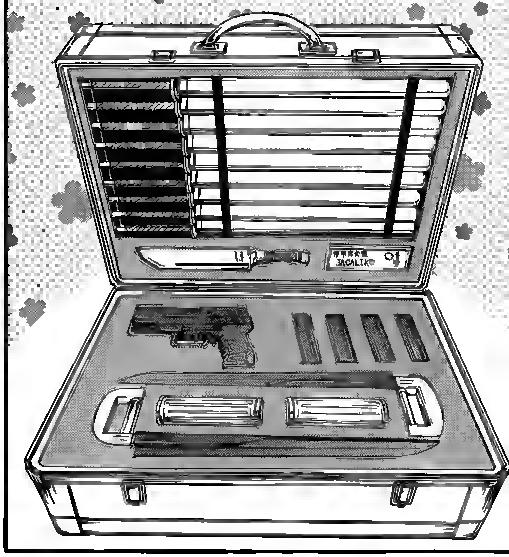
WHAT AM I, A COUNTRY BUMPKIN!?

仙台駅東口
WE'RE GOING TO TOKYO, AREN'T WE?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME LEAVING THE TOUHOKU REGION.
WELL, IT'S TRUE THAT THE SECURITY CHECK FOR CROSSING REGION BORDERS BECAME A LOT ROUGHER THAN IT USED TO BE.
BY THE WAY, WE'RE MEETING UP WITH THE "COMMANDER", RIGHT?
SO FAR, IT SEEMED LIKE INDOU-NEECHAN WAS IN CONTROL, DIDN'T IT?
INDOU-SAN IS A TEMPORARY SUBSTITUTE... NORMALLY, SHE'S THE LEADER OF THE SPECIAL COMBAT FORCE.
BY THE WAY, YOU AND I ARE BOTH MEMBERS OF THE SPECIAL COMBAT FORCE,
SO OUR DIRECT SUPERVISOR IS INDOU KEIKO, SPECIAL DUTY MAJOR.
?
SO, FOR NOW, THAT MEANS WE CAN'T DISOBEY INDOU-NEECHAN, RIGHT?
...HMM... WELL, THAT'S RIGHT, BUT...
...BY THE WAY, YOU AREN'T DRESSED LIKE NORMAL, ARE YOU?
THAT WEIRD HAT DIDN'T CHANGE, THOUGH
YEAH... INDOU-SAN MADE ME WEAR THIS, IN THE END...

I.S. .
IS IT.. WEIRD...?
YOU'RE ALWAYS WEARING BATTLE GEAR, SO IT WAS KINDA FRESH, OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT...
AH... NO, IT'S NOT WEIRD OR ANYTHING.
Though your hat is weird
...THEN IT'S OKAY... I WANTED TO COME IN BATTLE GEAR, BUT INDOU-SAN TOLD ME NOT TO,
SAYING IT'S URBAN-STYLE CAMOUFLAGE, OR SOME-THING
HUH!? YOU'RE GOING LIKE THAT, LIKE A FRESHLY DISPATCHED TROOPER!!?
Y-YEAH... WELL, THOSE CLOTHES WOULD STAND OUT A LOT TOO...
THEN, I'M GOING!!
AH!! IT'S TIME ALREADY!! LET'S HURRY!!
2005

HUH!?
HUH!?
SHUN-ICHI!!?
THERE ARE A LOT OF ORGANIZATIONS NOWADAYS THAT USE CHILDREN TO SNUGGLE WEAPONS OR NARCOTICS.
WHA...
I'M A TRAFFIC GUARD.
CAN I CHECK THE CONTENTS OF YOUR LUGGAGE?
I'M NOT A SMUGGLER!!!
THEN YOU DON'T MIND IF I CHECK THE CONTENTS, RIGHT?
YEAH!! OF COURSE!!

WHOA AAA!!?



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IT'S A MIS UNDER-STAND-ING…
N… NO…

Hikari
I'M TONOKAI, FROM THE DEFENSE FORCES SPECIAL OPS.
IT'S AN URGENT MISSION, SO I'M DEEPLY SORRY FOR OMITTING THE NORMAL PROCEDURES.
THE WEAPON CARRYING PERMISSION DOCUMENTS ARE PREPARED AT THE KASUMI-NOME DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS, SO PLEASE FORGIVE US.

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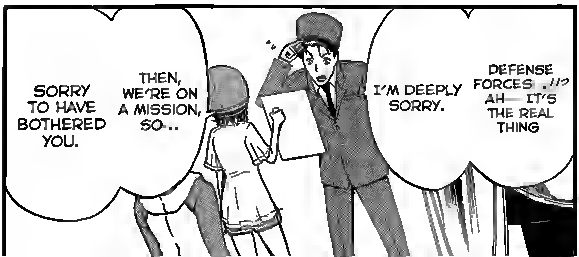
EXCUSE ME,
I'M SORRY, BUT THIS IS MY LUGGAGE.
HMM?


SORRY TO HAVE BOTHERED YOU.
THEN, WE'RE ON A MISSION, SO…
I'M DEEPLY SORRY.
DEFENSE FORCES…!!? AH— IT'S THE REAL THING

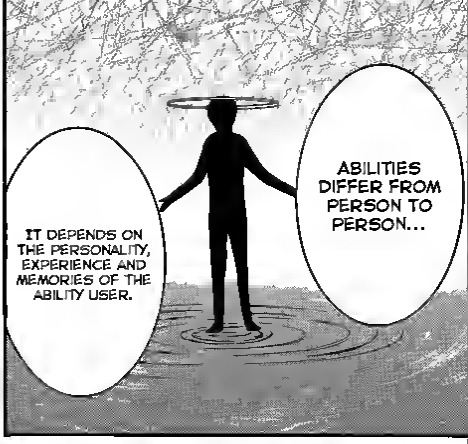
NO, SORRY. I'LL MAKE YOU AN ID, TOO.
I REALLY THOUGHT THEY WOULD ARREST ME...
AH, I WAS SURPRISED.

武器庫
IT'S NOT LIKE I SIMPLY MAKE THEM APPEAR FROM NOTHING... I JUST TELEPORT THE SWORD FROM THE ARMORY.

BY THE WAY, WOULDN'T IT HAVE BEEN BETTER NOT TO BRING WEAPONS!?
YOU CAN JUST "WHOOSH—" AND MAKE THEM APPEAR FROM THIN AIR
AH, ABOUT MY PERSONAL ABILITY...? IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE MISUNDERSTANDING SOMETHING.

...?
NOW THAT YOU MENTION IT, WHAT'S THAT PERSONAL WHATEVER?
PERSONAL ABILITY.
YOUR WIND-CONTROLLING POWER, AND MY TELEPORTING POWER—
AND ALSO NAKASE'S GRAVITY CONTROLLING ABILITY—.
THEY ARE ALL PERSONAL ABILITIES.

I CALL MY ABILITY "HESITATE ARMS".
HUH!?
YOU EVEN GIVE THEM NAMES!?


ABILITIES DIFFER FROM PERSON TO PERSON...
IT DEPENDS ON THE PERSONALITY, EXPERIENCE AND MEMORIES OF THE ABILITY USER.

... THEN, SHOULD I NAME MINE, TOO?
SO TO MAKE ACTIVATING IT SMOOTHER, WE NAME THEM SO THAT THE MENTAL IMAGE WILL MORE EASILY APPEAR.
YOUR PERSONAL ABILITY IS CLOSE TO YOUR TRUE NATURE,

CHAOS DARKNESS STORM KING... I WONDER WHICH ONE WOULD BE BETTER..
BLACK WIND EXE-CUTER...
HUH!? JUST THOSE TWO CHOICES!!?
I don't want either one!

BUT NAMING IT MYSELF IS A BIT EMBARRASSING...
FUFFU
THEN I'LL THINK ABOUT IT FOR YOU!

... THEY REALLY WILL GO THROUGH HERE, RIGHT?
OF COURSE~ ☆
THEY HAVE A PADDY WAGON FOR VIPS. OF COURSE, NOT ONE KNOWN BY THE PUBLIC.
BY MY JUDGMENT. IT'S 90% LIKELY THAT THEY WILL GO THROUGH THIS STATION.
PHONE
No.3
THERE SHOULD BE OTHER ROUTES TOO, THOUGH?
JUST BEFORE, THERE WAS A PHONE CALL FROM THE DEFENSE FORCES TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT REQUESTING PERMISSION TO USE THE LINE, SO THERE'S NO MISTAKING IT.
UHIHI. THEY DON'T EVEN KNOW I LISTENED IN—
THEN, TAKE CARE OF THE REST. ☆
……

TOKYO STATION
THIS MANY PEOPLE... IS THERE A FESTIVAL TODAY?
THE MEETING SHOULD BE HERE...
!
HIKARI-CHAAN! ♡
TSUKI-YAMA-SAN!!
YOU KNOW THEM!?
WHAT'S THAT...
A TRANS-VESTITE, AND...
A YAKUZA.
IT SEEMS IT WOULD BE BETTER NOT TO GET CLOSER TO THEM.

OH MY, I'M TSUKIYAMA KAORU. LET'S GET ALONG.♡
HE'S ICHIHARA SHUNICHI.
EH~~~ SO THIS IS THE NEWBIE!?
OH MY, SO CUUTE.♡
FUFU, THIS IS MY REAL NAME.♡
TSUKIYAMA.. KAORU..? A HOSTESS NAME!?
Too close!
T/N: HOSTESS NI Me: MEANING A FABRICATED NAME USED BY PROFESSIONAL HOSTESSES AND SEISHUN
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LET'S GET ALONG WELL, ICHIHARA-KUN.
I'M TONOKAI RYOUJIROU. I'M THE COMMANDER OF THE HQ.
YE...
YES...
Let's get along
HE'S HUGE!!
Oh, my! How I cruel

!!?

YEAH...
DID HE JUST SAY "TONOKAI" ...?
SAY, HIKARI,

ARE YOU THAT INTERESTED IN MY NIECE?
NO... UMM...
YOU'RE TOO CLOSE, ICHIHARA-KUN.

WITH THAT SAID, I ALREADY INFORMED THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

UNC... KHM... COMMANDER!! LET US KNOW ABOUT OUR MISSION!!
YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT.

!!
SO...
THIS IS THE ONE WE PREPARED FOR THE PROFESSOR TO BE CARRIED SAFELY TO SENDAI.
A MODEL 18 ARMORED WAGON.
IT'S AN OLD MODEL, BUT IT'S SOLID.
WELL... I CAN'T QUITE SAY THAT IT'S BEST AGAINST ABILITY USERS, THOUGH.
COMMANDER...
IF THE ROUTE IS A SPECIFIED RAILWAY, THERE'S THE POSSIBILITY OF AN AMBUSH...

...NO MATTER WHERE WE TRY TO GO AND WHAT WE USE, THERE'S A RISK.
THAT'S WHY WE CALLED FOR YOU.
ISN'T THAT RIGHT?

GET ON ALREADY, WE'LL DEPART.

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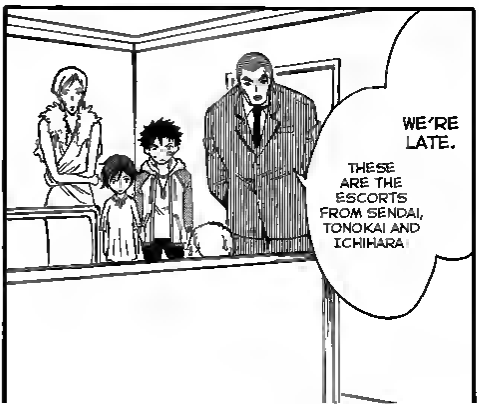
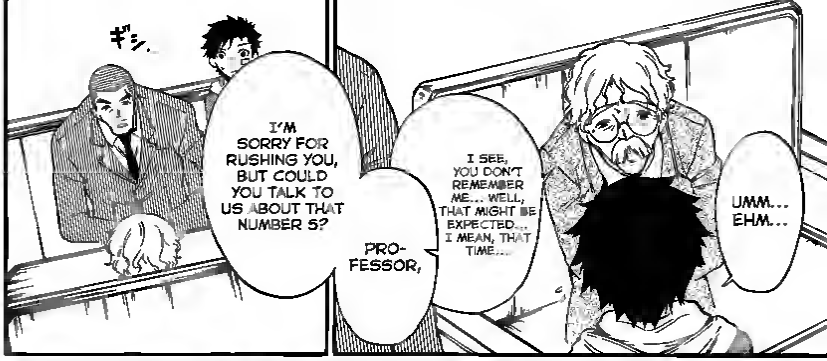

WE'RE LATE.
THESE ARE THE ESCORTS FROM SENDAI, TONOKAI AND ICHIHARA

SHUN-ICHI-KUN
?
!!
PROFESSOR KOORIYAMA.
HE'S THE PERSON TO BE ESCORTED THIS TIME,
MOMOKO-KUN'S...
IS THAT...
MOMOKO-KUN WASN'T WRONG...
I SEE...
SO YOU'VE BEEN ALIVE...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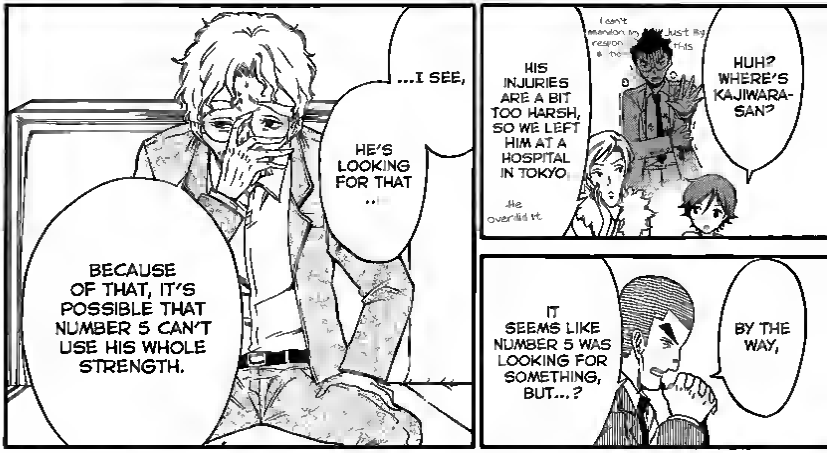
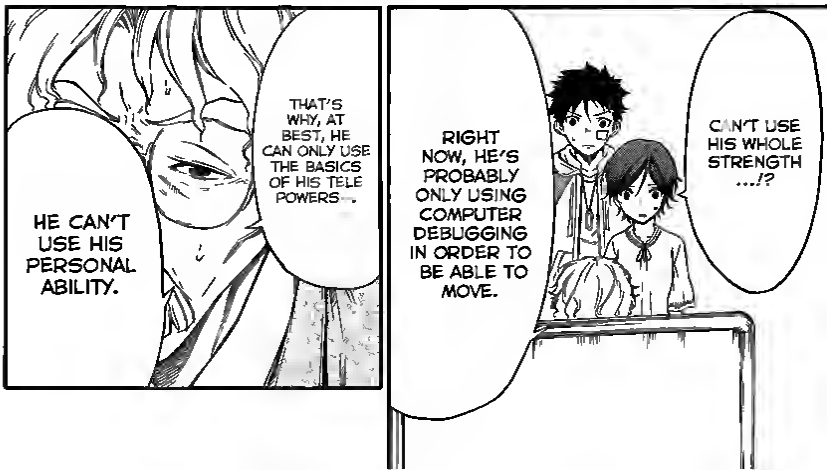
I'M SORRY FOR RUSHING YOU, BUT COULD YOU TALK TO US ABOUT THAT NUMBER 5?
PRO-FESSOR,
I SEE, YOU DON'T REMEMBER ME... WELL, THAT MIGHT BE EXPECTED... I MEAN, THAT TIME...
UMM... EHM...


...I SEE,
HE'S LOOKING FOR THAT ...
BECAUSE OF THAT, IT'S POSSIBLE THAT NUMBER 5 CAN'T USE HIS WHOLE STRENGTH.
HIS INJURIES ARE A BIT TOO HARSH, SO WE LEFT HIM AT A HOSPITAL IN TOKYO.
HUH? WHERE'S KAJIWARA-SAN?
IT SEEMS LIKE NUMBER 5 WAS LOOKING FOR SOMETHING, BUT...?
BY THE WAY,


HE CAN'T USE HIS PERSONAL ABILITY.
THAT'S WHY, AT BEST, HE CAN ONLY USE THE BASICS OF HIS TELE POWERS...
RIGHT NOW, HE'S PROBABLY ONLY USING COMPUTER DEBUGGING IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO MOVE.
CAN'T USE HIS WHOLE STRENGTH ...!?

NUMBER 5'S REAL POWER...
CAN'T EVEN BE COMPARED WITH THE OTHER SECOND BRAINS' POWER.
WITH ALL THAT, IT'S STILL NOT HIS REAL STRENGTH!?
GRAMPS—
PROFESSOR— WHAT ON EARTH DID YOU BRING WITH YOU...!?
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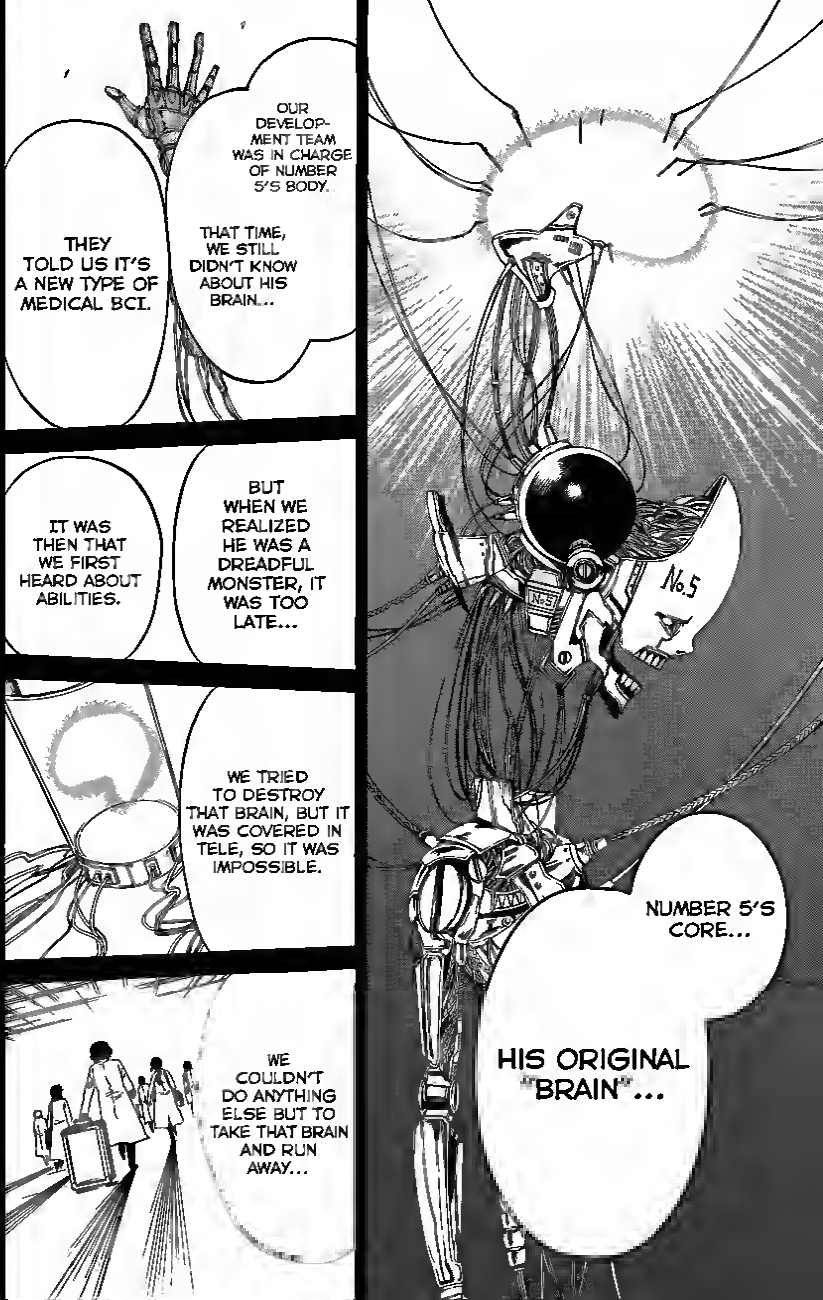
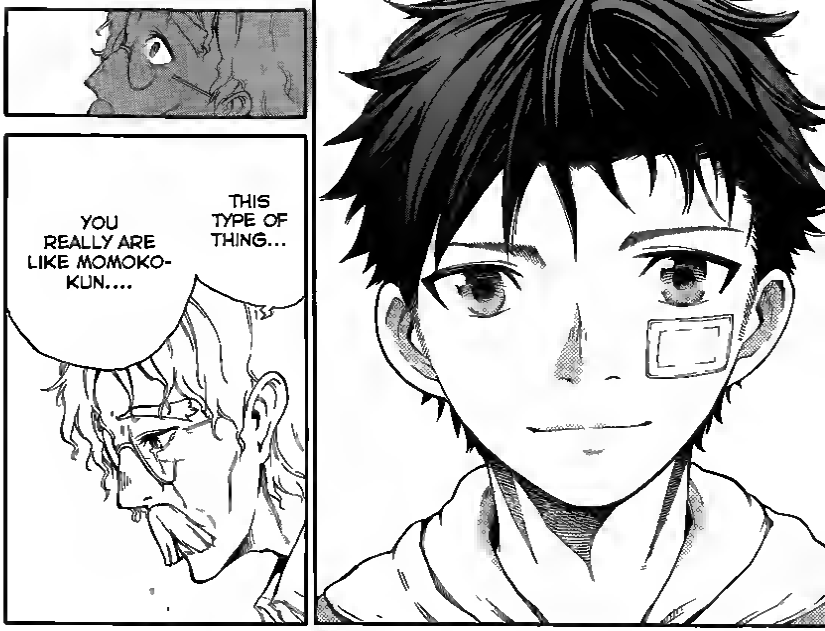
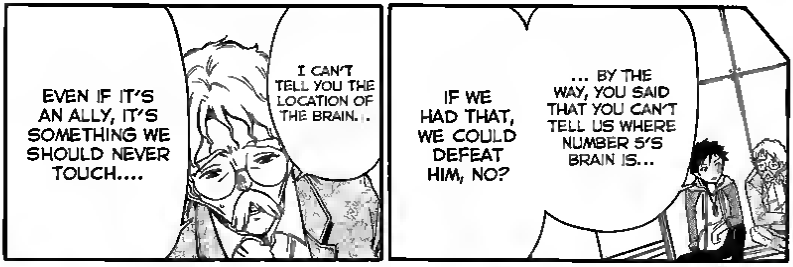

OUR DEVELOPMENT TEAM WAS IN CHARGE OF NUMBER 5'S BODY.
THAT TIME, WE STILL DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HIS BRAIN...
THEY TOLD US IT'S A NEW TYPE OF MEDICAL BCI.
BUT WHEN WE REALIZED HE WAS A DREADFUL MONSTER, IT WAS TOO LATE...
IT WAS THEN THAT WE FIRST HEARD ABOUT ABILITIES.
WE TRIED TO DESTROY THAT BRAIN, BUT IT WAS COVERED IN TELE, SO IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE.
WE COULDN'T DO ANYTHING ELSE BUT TO TAKE THAT BRAIN AND RUN AWAY...
No.5
NUMBER 5'S CORE...
HIS ORIGINAL "BRAIN"...

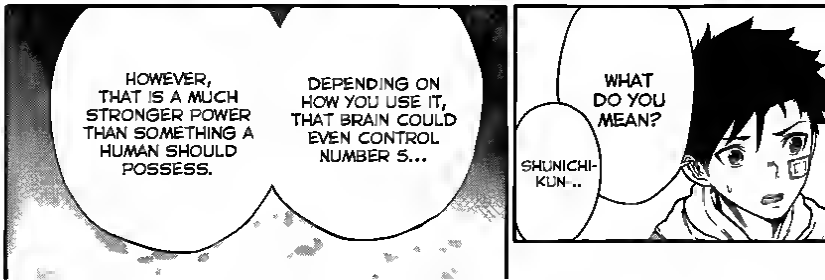
BRAIN...!?
WASN'T HE JUST A NORMAL ROBOT...!?
... SO, WHERE'S THAT BRAIN OF HIS, NOW?
... I CAN'T... TELL YOU THAT...
... SORRY, I WOULD LIKE TO GO TO THE TOILET, IF POSSIBLE. MY BACK IS A BIT BAD... CAN SOMEONE HELP ME A LITTLE?
THEN, I WILL.
I WOULDN'T WANT TO BOTHER YOU WITH SOMETHING LIKE THIS, COMMANDER.
NO...
SHUNICHI-KUN... CAN I ASK YOU TO HELP ME?
AH... YEAH...
HAAH...
GRAMPS, THE TOILET IS THIS WAY, YOU KNOW?

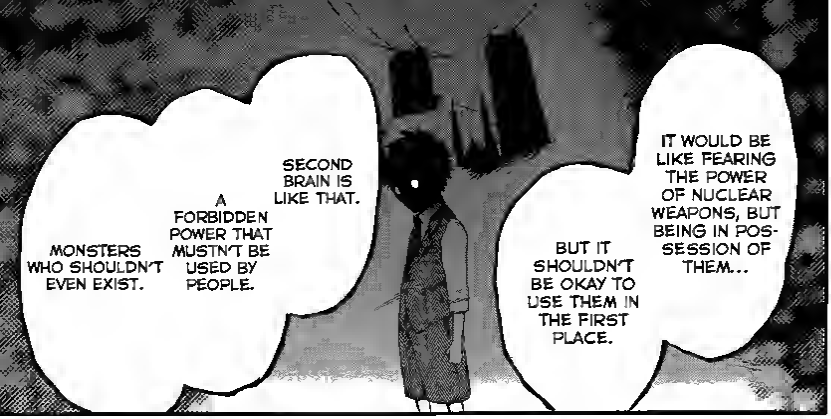
... I HEARD ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED WITH MOMOKO-KUN...
IT'S MY FAULT... I'M TERRIBLY SORRY...
!!
THERE'S NOTHING TO BE DONE ABOUT THAT... IT ISN'T POSSIBLE TO UNDO IT...
THE FACT THAT YOU ARE IN THE DEFENSE FORCES MEANS... YOUR ABILITIES HAVE AWAKENED, RIGHT...?
...
WHY DID EVERYONE GET KILLED, WHILE I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN LIVE CAREFREE?
I'M SURE SHE MUST RESENT ME...
I WAS THE ONE WHO DRAGGED HER INTO THIS...
MOMOKO-KUN WAS MY STUDENT...
!
!
MOM... WOULDN'T RESENT YOU, GRAMPS... NO, SHE WOULDN'T RESENT ANYONE.
IT WOULD'VE BEEN BETTER IF I DIED!!!
WHY DID SHE HAVE TO DIE!?

MOM... DIED DEFENDING ME,
BUT... WHEN SHE DIED, MOM... SMILED...
IF SHE WOULD HAVE RESENTED ANYONE...
SHE WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SHOW AN EXPRESSION LIKE THAT...
... SO DON'T SAY STUFF LIKE YOU SHOULD HAVE DIED INSTEAD...
I...
AND OF COURSE, MOM, TOO... WE WOULDN'T WISH FOR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
... OF COURSE, WE'D LIKE YOU TO HELP US IN DEFEATING THAT BRAT, BUT...
IT'S NOT JUST THAT.
I COULDN'T DEFEND MOM...
THAT'S WHY I DON'T WANT TO LET SOMEONE DIE AGAIN, WITHOUT DOING ANYTHING.


THIS TYPE OF THING...
YOU REALLY ARE LIKE MOMOKO-KUN....


I CAN'T TELL YOU THE LOCATION OF THE BRAIN. .
EVEN IF IT'S AN ALLY, IT'S SOMETHING WE SHOULD NEVER TOUCH....
... BY THE WAY, YOU SAID THAT YOU CAN'T TELL US WHERE NUMBER 5'S BRAIN IS...
IF WE HAD THAT, WE COULD DEFEAT HIM, NO?


DEPENDING ON HOW YOU USE IT, THAT BRAIN COULD EVEN CONTROL NUMBER 5...
HOWEVER, THAT IS A MUCH STRONGER POWER THAN SOMETHING A HUMAN SHOULD POSSESS.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
SHUNICHI-KUN...


IT WOULD BE LIKE FEARING THE POWER OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, BUT BEING IN POSSESSION OF THEM...
BUT IT SHOULDN'T BE OKAY TO USE THEM IN THE FIRST PLACE.
SECOND BRAIN IS LIKE THAT.
A FORBIDDEN POWER THAT MUSTN'T BE USED BY PEOPLE.
MONSTERS WHO SHOULDN'T EVEN EXIST.

TO BE HONEST... WHEN I HEARD YOU WERE ALIVE, I WAS SURPRISED... AND I WAS FRIGHTENED....
BUT... SEEING THAT PENDANT. . AND AFTER TALKING WITH YOU LIKE THIS, I'M RELIEVED.
MOMOKO-KUN WASN'T WRONG...
YOU LIVED LIKE THIS, AS A HUMAN...

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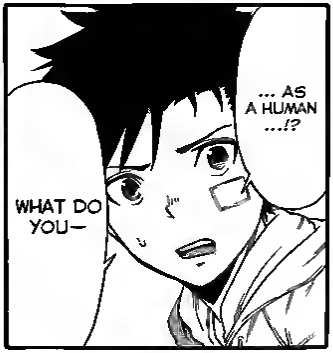
... AS A HUMAN ...!?
WHAT DO YOU—

BY THE REACTIONS, IT SEEMS LIKE IT'S AN INORGANIC SUBSTANCE, BUT...
COMMANDER!! THERE'S SOMETHING AHEAD OF US!!
WHAT HAPPENED!?
I DON'T CARE, CUT ACROSS.

DISAPPEARED!? WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
THE OBSTACLE WE COLLIDED WITH... DISAPPEARED...
...COMMANDER...
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WHEN WE COLLIDED WITH IT, IT SEEMED LIKE A HUMAN FORM TO ME FOR A MOMENT BUT...

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HEY!! WHAT HAPPENED!?
ANSWER ME!! HEY!!

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YOU'RE KIDDING, RIGHT!? IT'S AN ARMORED WAGON, YOU KNOW!?
B... BUT!!
IT'S OKAY, JUST GO ALREADY!!
HIKARI!! HURRY TO THE PROFESSOR!!

!!!
WHERE IS KOORIYAMA ...?

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HEY, YOU BEANPOLE.
WON'T YOU PLAY WITH ME?

HEY!!
STOP THE TRAIN IMMEDIATELY!!
WE CAN'T!!
WE CAN'T CONTACT THE COCKPIT!
ALSO, THE EMERGENCY BRAKES WON'T WORK, EITHER...!!
HIKARI!! YOU OKAY!?
IT'S AN ENEMY ATTACK!! HURRY TO THE WAGON AHEAD OF US!!
WE EXPECTED THIS MUCH BUT WE'RE IN A REAL PINCH...
HE WANTS TO KILL ALL OF US ALONG WITH THE PROFESSOR!!
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BUT, HIKARI!!
I'LL STOP IT.
SHUN-ICHI, GO AHEAD!!
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PROTECTING THE PROFESSOR IS OUR MAXIMUM PRIORITY. HURRY UP AND GO!!

I SEE...
IT'S THE SAME TYPE AS THE ANDROID FROM THE OTHER DAY...
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KAKAKA KAKAKA. HUMAN. KILL!!
GUHH...

A PERSON IN A PLACE LIKE THAT ...?
I KNOW IT'S NOT THE BEST TIME FOR THIS, BUT...
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COULD YOU PLEASE CONTINUE... WHAT YOU WERE SAYING?
WAS IT JUST MY IMAGINATION?
AH, YEAH
SAY...
HE DISAPPEARED!?
SHUNICHI KUN?

ABOUT... ME LIVING MY LIFE AS A HUMAN, OR SOMETHING...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
... I SEE, SO MOMOKO-KUN DIDN'T TELL YOU...
WELL, IT'S TRUE SHE SAID SHE WANTS YOU TO LEAD A NORMAL LIFE...
... IT SEEMED LIKE MOM KNEW SINCE A LONG TIME AGO THAT MY ABILITIES WOULD AWAKEN...
ALSO, THAT BRAT...
HE TOLD I'M THE "FAILURE FROM THAT TIME"...
AND THAT I AM A "MONSTER WITH THE SAME BRAIN"...
WHAT ON EARTH...
AM I?
YOU KNOW, RIGHT, GRAMPS?

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YEAH… I KNOW IT WELL…
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HOWEVER,
THERE'S SOMETHING ABOVE US …!?
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ITS GUARD IS STRONG, SO I HAVE A HUGE DISADVANTAGE IN A LONG FIGHT!!

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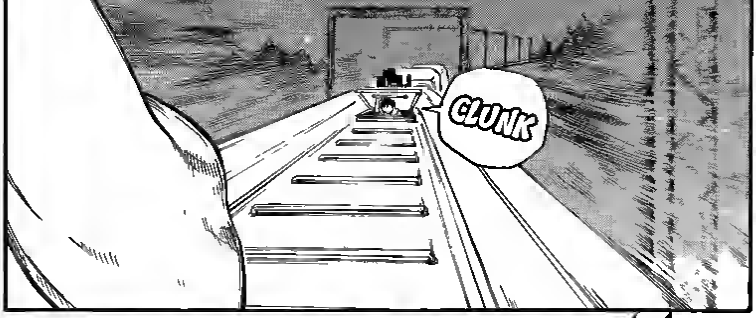
ITS BODY IS ARMORED, TOO.
THEN...
I WILL BE EVEN SHARPER.
AND CUT IT DOWN!!!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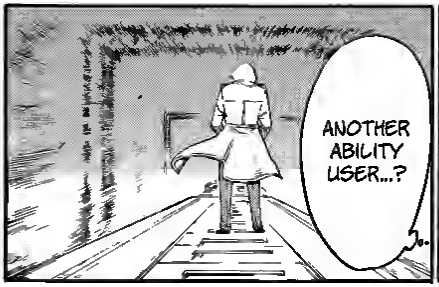
ANOTHER ABILITY USER...?

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WHO THE HELL ARE YOU?

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DID YOU COME TO KILL THE GRAMPS, TOO?

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HE SHIFTED THE TRAJECTORY...
A WIND USER...
IF THAT ONE HAD HIT, I'D BE FINELY CHOPPED...
HE'S DANGEROUS... I COULDN'T SEE WHAT HE USED, BUT...
AN ABILITY USER...
I CAN'T HOLD BACK, OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT!!
I DON'T KNOW IF I CAN USE IT IN A REAL BATTLE SO SOON AS THIS, BUT...
SO THEN, IF YOU CAN BRING THAT TORNADO TO THE PART OF YOUR BODY WHICH YOU CAN MOVE MOST EASILY,
YOU CAN MAKE THAT TORNADO INTO A SWORD OR A SHIELD, TOO!! YOU CAN LITERALLY USE IT AS A WEAPON!!
I CAN'T LOSE!!
NO... THAT DOESN'T MATTER!
WHAT'S THIS TRAINING ALL ABOUT?
ARE YOU LISTENING? YOU CAN JUST ROUGHLY CONTROL THAT WIND RIGHT NOW.
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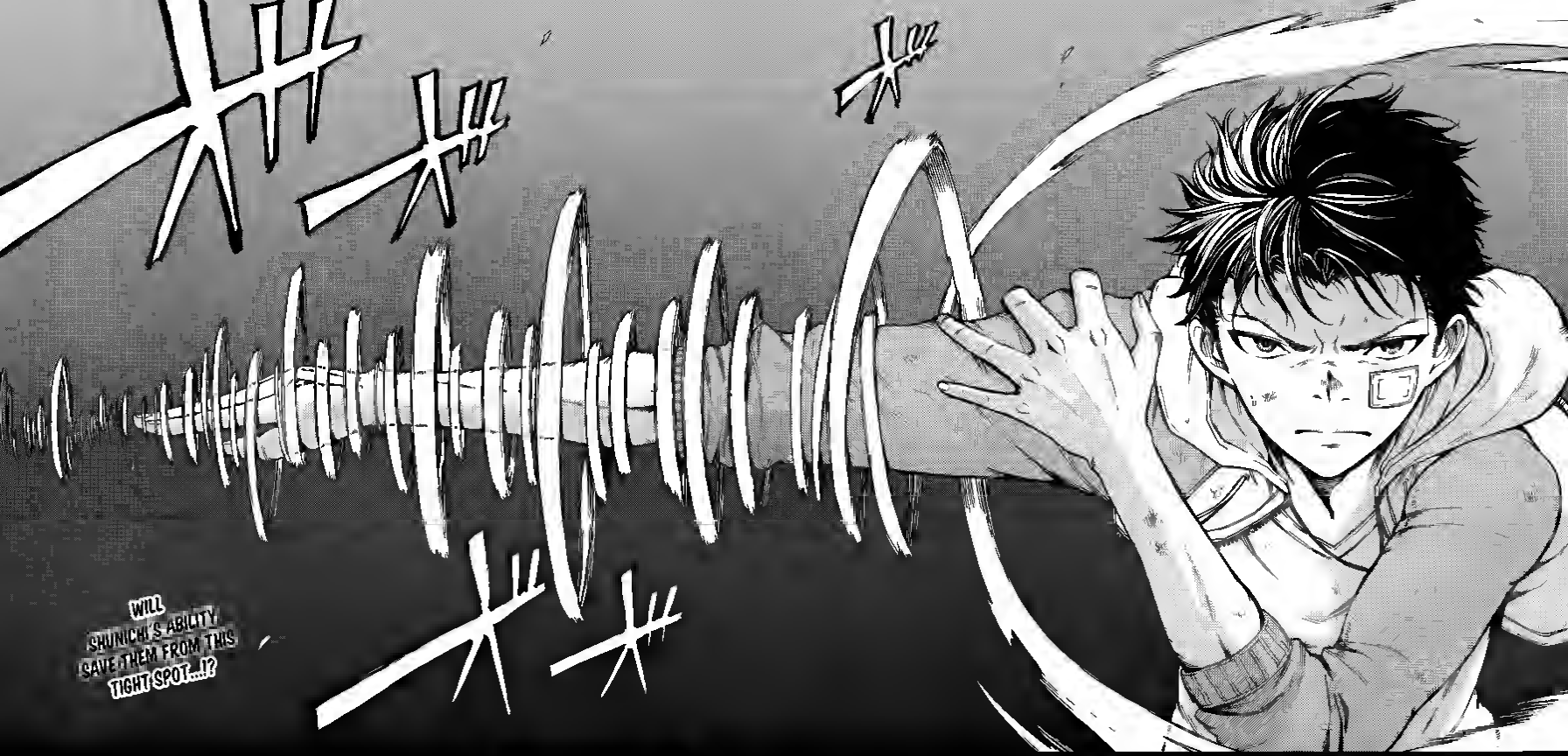

UNTIL SENDAI STATION.

42 MINUTES, 31 SECONDS LEFT...

IT'LL BE A TOTAL ANNIHILATION BY THE ENEMY...!!

IF THINGS CONTINUE LIKE THIS, WE WILL COLLIDE WITH THE STATION

LEAVE IT TO US, COLONEL TONOKAI!! WE'RE ON THE WAY!!

ROGER THAT.

... SO WITH THAT, WE ARE IN URGENT NEED OF SUPPORT!!

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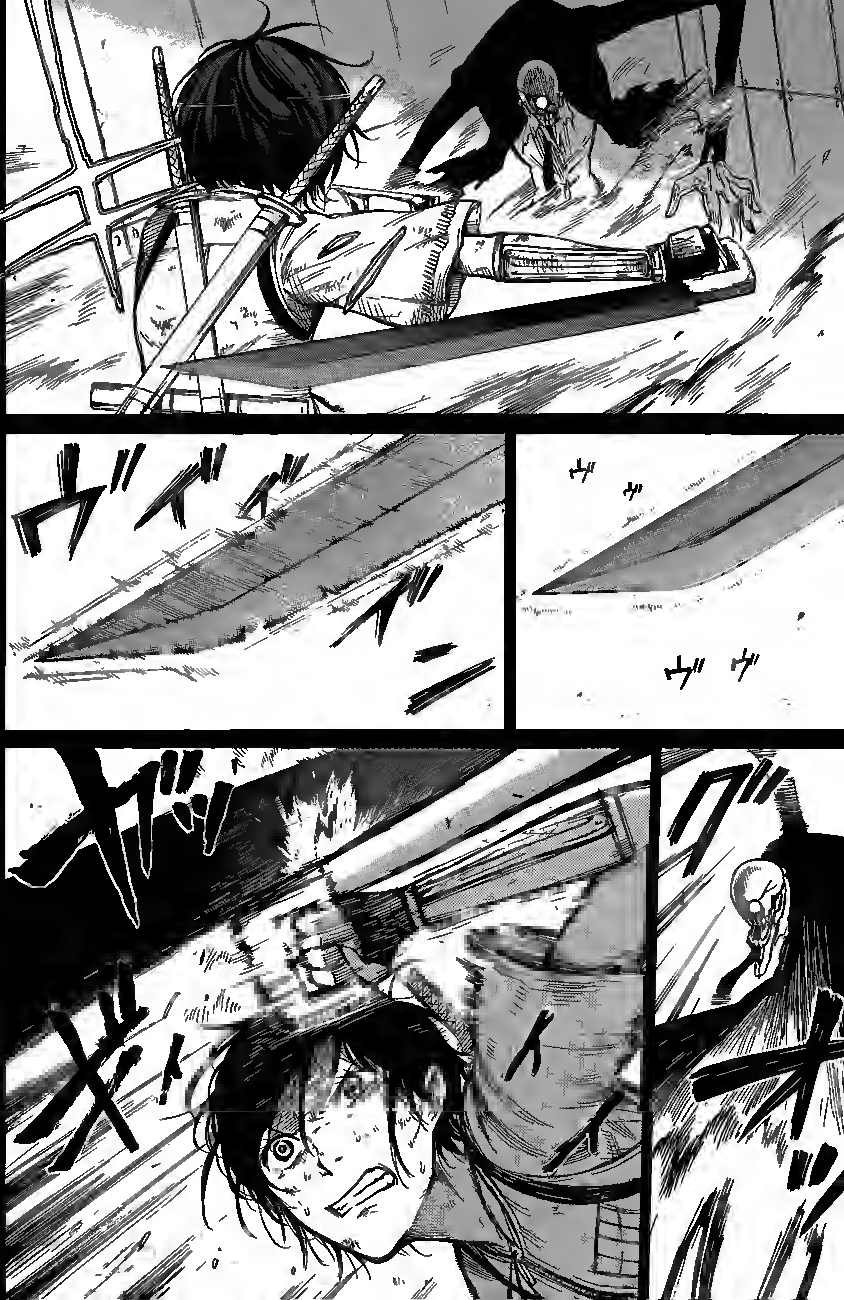
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I GIVE VIBRATION WITH TELE.
TO A BLADE MADE OF FALCARBON...
BE IT IRON OR STEEL IT CUTS THEM IN TWO.

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GOT HIM...!!

NOT GOOD_ HIS TELE IS TOO POWERFUL I HAVE TO FIND A CHANCE, SOMEHOW..
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SECOND LIEUTEN-ANT!!
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KUH-KA-KA-KA-KA...
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WE'LL DISTRACT HIM!!
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THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANKS TO YOU, I WAS SAVED.
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IT'S AN HONOR TO BE OF USE TO THE SECOND LIEUTENANT!!
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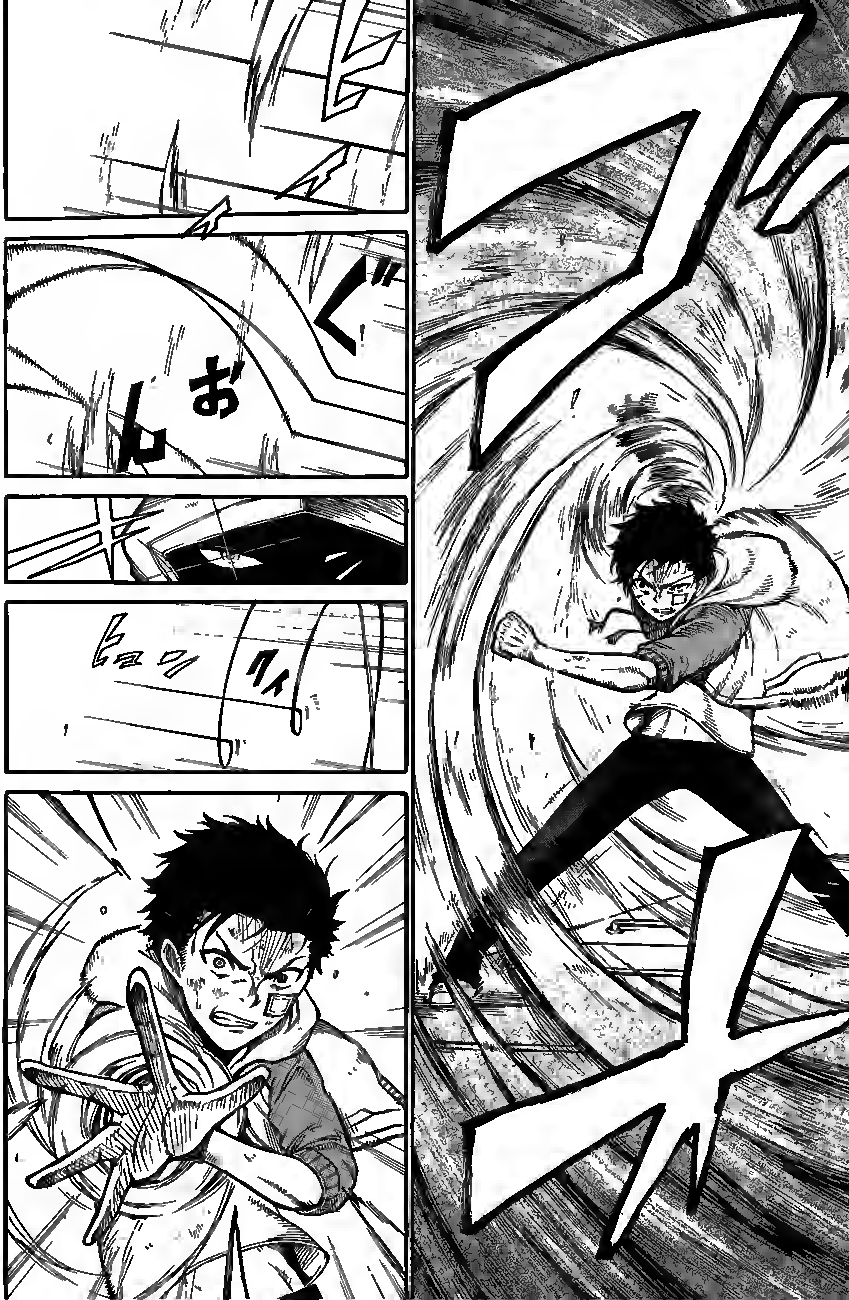
PROFESSOR!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT!?
I'M FINE. SORRY TO CAUSE SO MUCH BOTHER, EVEN FOR A LADY LIKE YOU...
NO... HUH!? WHERE'S SHUNICHI!?
ABOUT THAT...

THE ATTACK ROUTE THAT WILL RECEIVE THE LEAST HINDRANCE FROM THE WIND IS...
A STRAIGHT LINE!!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I... I CAN'T MOVE...!!
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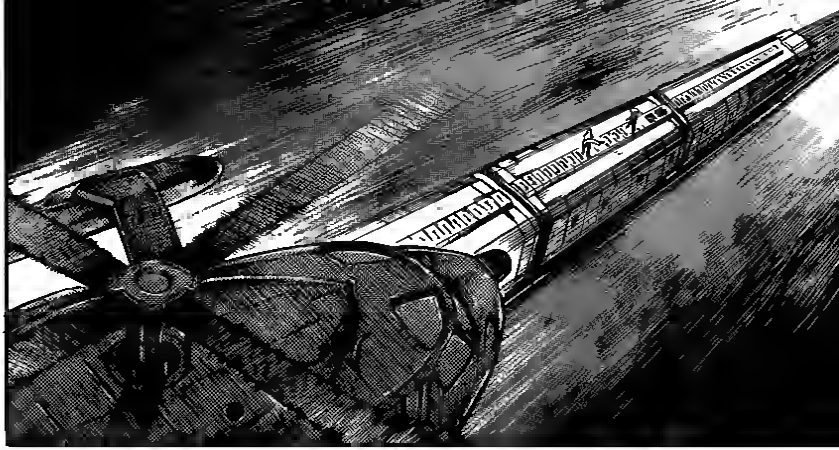
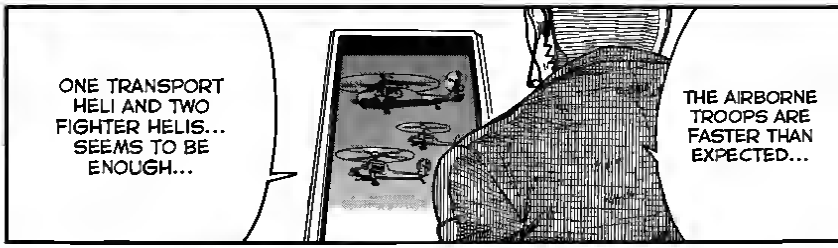
WHA...
OTHERWISE, I'LL HAVE TO KILL YOU.
I, TOO, HAVE MY REASONS... BE OBEDIENT, AND HAND THE PROFESSOR TO ME.
YOU... COULD IT BE... AT THAT TIME ...!?




ONE TRANSPORT HELI AND TWO FIGHTER HELIS... SEEMS TO BE ENOUGH...
THE AIRBORNE TROOPS ARE FASTER THAN EXPECTED...

ONE OF THEM IS A BOY IN A HOODIE. THE OTHER IS A MAN IN A COAT.
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FALCON ONE HERE. COLONEL. THERE ARE TWO PEOPLE ON TOP OF THE WAGONS.
I DON'T MIND, SHOOT!! DON'T HIT OUR NEWBIE, THOUGH.
SHOULD WE SNIPE HIM OUT?
THE ONE IN THE HOODIE IS OUR NEWBIE. THE ONE IN THE COAT IS PROBABLY A BATTLE DROID.

AN APACHE!? THAT'S TOO MUCH OF A DISADVANTAGE, ISN'T IT!?

WE'LL SETTLE THIS.
SOME-DAY, FOR SURE...
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WAIT!! ARE YOU TRYING TO ESCAPE!?
SHUNICHI!!

OH, MY!! I'M GLAD EVERYONE SEEMS TO BE FINE.
NO, IT'S NOTHING.
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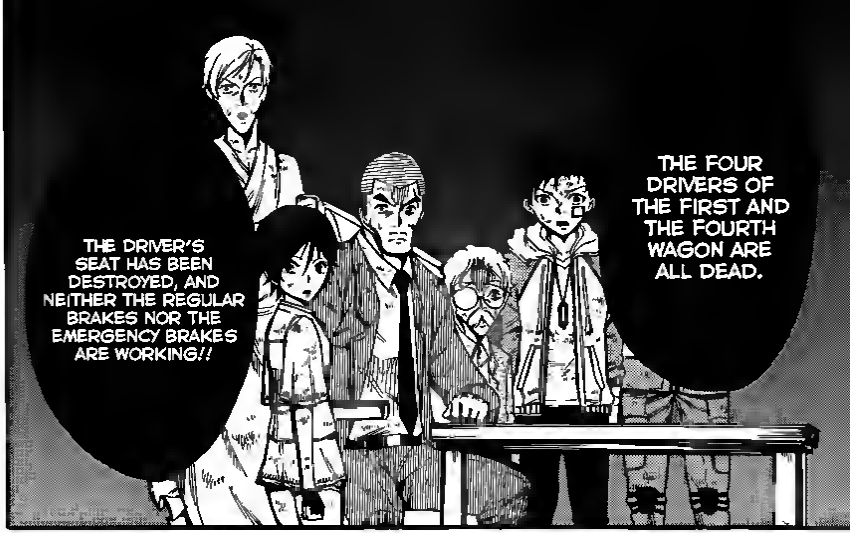
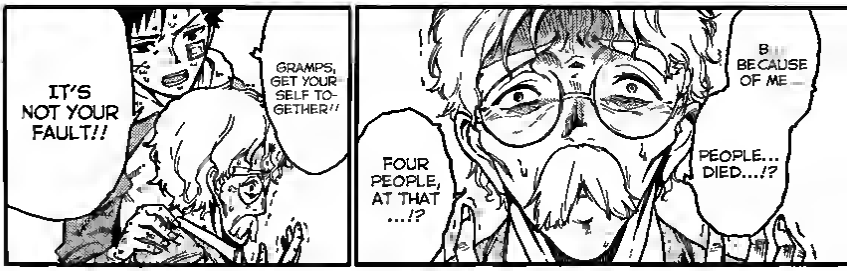
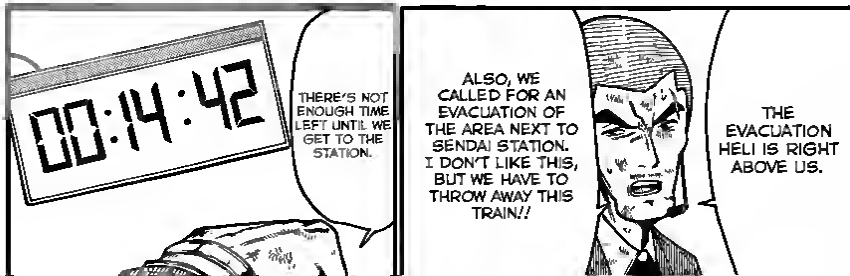
NO, THAT'S...
WHAT ON EARTH WERE YOU DOING UP THERE?
MAJOR TSUKIYAMA, FOR NOW, WE SHOULD JOIN THE COMMANDER
HIKARI-CHAN, DID YOU DEFEAT THAT MONSTER!? YOU DID WELL.
I'M DEFINITELY NOT...
TSUKIYAMA-SAN! YOUR INJURIES... ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
SECOND WAGON, TACTICAL ROOM
I CHECKED THE SITUATION IN THE DRIVER'S ROOM.
COMMANDER!!


THE FOUR DRIVERS OF THE FIRST AND THE FOURTH WAGON ARE ALL DEAD.
THE DRIVER'S SEAT HAS BEEN DESTROYED, AND NEITHER THE REGULAR BRAKES NOR THE EMERGENCY BRAKES ARE WORKING!!


B[illegible] BECAUSE OF ME—
PEOPLE... DIED...!?
FOUR PEOPLE, AT THAT ...!?
GRAMPS, GET YOUR SELF TO-GETHER!!
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT!!

WAIT A MINUTE! IF THE TRAIN WON'T STOP,
AND WE GO WITH THIS PACE... WE WON'T BE ABLE TO TURN AT THE CURB BEFORE SENDAI STATION, WHICH MEANS WE'LL DERAIL AND THRUST INTO THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY, RIGHT!?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THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME LEFT UNTIL WE GET TO THE STATION.
ALSO, WE CALLED FOR AN EVACUATION OF THE AREA NEXT TO SENDAI STATION. I DON'T LIKE THIS, BUT WE HAVE TO THROW AWAY THIS TRAIN!!
THE EVACUATION HELI IS RIGHT ABOVE US.

HURRY AND MOVE TO THE TRANSPORTATION HELI
OVER!!
YES!!!
CLEAR!!
COMMANDER, EVERYTHING'S ALL RIGHT.
ALL RIGHT, GO AHEAD AND PULL THE PROFESSOR UP FIRST.

TAKE MY HAND!!
PROFESSOR, GO AHEAD.
AH... YEAH, SORRY.
WHAT'S THAT...!?
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HAWK ONE. DO YOU COPY!? FALCON ONE HERE.
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THERE'S SOMETHING ON THE LEFT SIDE OF THE WAGON!!!
HERE!! JUST A BIT MORE!!

GUHH.... SHIT!! NOT GOOD!!
I CAN'T CONTROL IT!!
I... I'LL FALL!!!
HEY!! WHAT HAPPENED!? ANSWER ME!!
COLONEL!!
BEHIND YOU!!!

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EVERYONE, HURRY INSIDE!!
I WILL DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!!
TSUKI-YAMA!!!
IT'S OKAY, JUST HURRY!! THERE'S NO TIME!!
TSUKI-YAMA-SAN!!
HEHE... AFTER THE FIRST MONSTER, THERE WAS STILL ONE LURKING AROUND, HUH.

SCREECH OUT,
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TRAGIC OPERETTA!!!
DAMN IT, THERE'S TOO MUCH NOISE. NO RESONANCE IS OCCURRING!!

GUHH ...!!
HAND KOORIYAMA TO ME.
DISTANCE - 58.5 m
ABILITY READING CONFIRMED

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NO WAY!! DID IT REPEL A 12.7MM!!?
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TRAGIC OPERETTA!!!
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NOW, WITHOUT NOISE, MY VOICE CAN RESONATE DIRECTLY!!
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YOUR DEFENSE IS VIRTUALLY EMPTY NOW!!
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LOOK THIS WAY, MONSTER!!
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TSUKIYAMA, I'M GLAD YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
THERE MIGHT STILL BE ENEMIES LURKING AROUND, SO BE ON YOUR GUARD.
THE SECOND TACTICAL ROOM IS SECURED!!

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YEAH, IT'S ME. CONNECT ME WITH THE AIRBORNE TROOPS' LEADER

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YEAH.
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MANDER..
THAT JUST
NOW...
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MY
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IS BEING
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MANDER!!
UNCLE!!

SPIDER!! BE CAREFUL OF SPIDERS!!
IT TAKES OVER YOUR BODY!!!
COMMAN-
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GUH...
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UNCLE!! WHAT ON EARTH ...!!?
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BEFORE IT TAKES OVER MY BODY, I NEED TO RESTORE MYSELF...
S... SPIDER!?
HUH? SPIDER!?

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POISONOUS GAS!!?
NOT GOOD... WITH THIS, WE'D BE TOTALLY ANNIHILATED...
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HURRY...
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LITTLE LADY...!?

OPEN ALL VENTILATION!!!
YES!!
A SUDDEN GUST OF WIND, BECAUSE OF THE SUDDEN CHANGE...
IN CABIN PRESSURE... THIS IS...
COULD IT BE...
THIS IS SHUNICHI-KUN'S...
GRAMPS, ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
AH...
YEAH...
COUGH
HIKARI!!

...SORRY...
NO, IT'S FINE...
I HAD TO BE SAVED BY YOU AGAIN...
!!
UNCLE!! DON'T TALK, I'LL...
Y...YEAH...
AND... NOW...
CALLING... HELP... GUHH...
GUHH... EVERYONE'S... FINE...?
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YES... PLEASE START THE PREPARATIONS FOR ANOTHER HELI IMMEDIATELY.
WHAT!? THE HELI HAS BEEN SHOT DOWN!!?
THAT'S ...
IS THIS THE LEADER OF THE AIR-BORNE TROOPS? SECOND LIEUTENANT TONOKAI HIKARI HERE.
SECOND LIEUTENANT TONOKAI, WE CAN'T CONTACT HAWK ONE, WHAT HAPPENED!?

SECOND LIEUTENANT, CAN YOU WAIT FOR 10 MINUTES!?
10 MINUTES, RIGHT...? I'M CHECKING THE TIME UNTIL ARRIVAL AT SENDAI...
GOT IT!!
YAMAZAKI, HOW SOON CAN YOU GET THERE!?
PROBABLY ABOUT 13 MINUTES.
NOT GOOD, GET THERE IN 10 MINUTES!!
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THE COUNTDOWN UNTIL THE UNAVOIDABLE DEATH...
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HEY,
WHAT'S THE SITUATION?
THERE'S ABOUT 10 MINUTES UNTIL HELP CAN REACH US... HOWEVER,
WE HAVE ONLY 6 MINUTES, 40 SECONDS LEFT UNTIL THIS TRAIN THRUSTS INTO THE MIDDLE OF SENDAI...
IN SHORT,
WE ARE OUT OF TIME...!!!
THE RUNAWAY TRAIN WON'T STOP... THE SHOCKING CLIMAX!!!

SECOND BRAIN

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Final Chapter: Wind of Reckless Vane

EVEN IF THERE ARE 3 ABILITY USERS HERE, IT'S QUITE IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP THE TRAIN .
ALSO, THE COMMANDER LOST A LOT OF BLOOD HE CAN'T COMMAND US PROPERLY IN THIS SITUATION
GUHH...
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IF... IF IT'S JUST THE ABILITY USERS...
THEY MAY BE ABLE TO ESCAPE THIS TRAIN.

HEY ...!!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT!?
IF YOU USE YOUR TELE POWERS, WELL... YOU WOULDN'T GET OUT OF IT UNHURT, BUT YOU MIGHT BE SAVED THAT WAY...
COMMANDER... EVERYONE FROM THE TEAM...
TO THINK AN OLD MAN LIKE ME WOULD DRAG YOU ALL DOWN THIS WAY,
I'M REALLY,
REALLY SORRY...!!!

EVERYONE... I'M SORRY...
I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH, EVEN THOUGH I'M A COMMANDER...!!
I'M THE ONE... WHO NEEDS TO APOLOGIZE...
!
NO...
WE FELT ONLY PRIDE... TO BE ABLE TO FIGHT BESIDE YOU FOR THIS COUNTRY, COMMANDER!!!
...ME TOO...
THANKS FOR FIGHTING TOGETHER WITH ME...

WAIT A BIT!! ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
TSUKI-YAMA...
I'LL LEAVE THE REST TO YOU...
GIVE MY FAREWELL TO INDOU AND KAJIWARA TOO, PLEASE...
TONOKAI RYOUJIROU-DONO!!!

I, MY-SELF...
IN ORDER TO MAKE A PEACEFUL COUNTRY,
I WILL FIGHT IN YOUR PLACE UNTIL MY LAST BREATH!!!
...PLEASE DO SO...
MAJOR TSUKIYAMA...
YES!!!

WAIT A BIT...
I'LL STAY, TOO...
...I CAN'T JUST LEAVE EVERYONE BEHIND AND RUN AWAY!!!
THAT'S NO GOOD...!!
YOU, TOGETHER WITH TSUKIYAMA AND ICHIHARA... WILL RETREAT FROM THIS FRONT...!!
I CAN'T DO THAT!!
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE EVERYONE HERE TO DIE!!!

GUHH...
HIKARI...
I'M BEGGING YOU... PLEASE UNDER-STAND ...!!
HIKARI ...!!!

HIKARI-CHAN PLEASE...!!
UNCLE...
HIKARI-CHAN... WE'RE GOING...
GUHH..
TSUKI-YAMA... I LEAVE HIKARI... TO YOU...
WHAT IS THIS...
.....
HARUICHI-KUN... NOW THEN, YOU SHOULD GO TOO...!!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING!? THERE'S NO TIME LEFT... IMPOSSIBLE...!!
GRAMPS...
ISN'T THERE A WAY TO SAVE EVERY-ONE...?

EVEN IF IT'S JUST YOU, YOU NEED TO STAY ALIVE!! WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS ABILITY IS FOR!!?
YOU CAN USE ABILITIES!!
YOU'RE WRONG...
IT'S WRONG... I DON'T HAVE AN ABILITY JUST SO I CAN SAVE MYSELF ALONE.
WE CAN'T LET YOU DIE!!!!
JUST SHUT UP AND ESCAPE!!!
I CAN'T JUST LEAVE EVERYONE HERE AND ESCAPE ...!!

THIS POWER...
I WON'T
EVER...
LEAVE ANYONE TO DIE AGAIN!!!
IS THERE TO PROTECT PEOPLE...!!

THIS WEATHER VANE...
KOORIYAMA-SENSEI... ABOUT THIS?
MOMOKO-KUN, WHAT'S THAT PENDANT...?
A WEATHER VANE.
THIS IS...
IT HAS ANOTHER MEANING: "A PERSON WHO CHANGES THEIR OPINION AS THE WIND CHANGES; A PERSON WITHOUT OPINION; A LIGHT-WILLED PERSON".
HOW-EVER,
Oh it turns here
WEATHER VANES ARE KNOWN FOR THEIR POWER OF KEEPING EVIL SPIRITS AWAY.

YOU WEARING A PENDANT IS SO UNUSUAL.
IT WAS A GIFT... FROM HIM.
I SAID TO HIM SOME TIME AGO THAT I HATE WEAK-WILLED PEOPLE...
THE NEXT DAY, HE BROUGHT THIS TO ME.
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS A SPITEFUL REMARK...
BUT...
PEOPLE SAY THAT WEATHER VANES SYMBOLIZE WEAK-WILLED PEOPLE, BUT...
I DON'T THINK SO.
THEY WON'T TURN THEIR BACK TO THE HEAD WIND,
AND THEY FACE ANY KIND OF WIND COMING AT THEM...
SO I THINK THAT WEATHER VANES ARE MORE LIKE...
THE SYMBOL OF "STRONG-WILLED PEOPLE".

SMUG, ISN'T HE~?
ALSO, IT'S ALL JUST SOPHISM!!
ALMOST LIKE YOU, NO?
THAT'S WHY IT'S A PRESENT FOR YOU.
HOHO HO...
EVEN THOUGH YOU SAY THAT, IT SEEMS YOU TOOK A LIKING TO IT.

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Y...YES, WE'LL BE THERE SOON...!
IS THERE A TUNNEL AHEAD OF US!?
HEAD WIND ...!!!
YEAH... THAT SUDDEN WIND BEFORE...
GRAMPS ...!!
IF WE CAN COMPRESS A HEAD WIND INTO THE TUNNEL,
THERE'S A POSSIBILITY WE CAN STOP THE TRAIN...!!
HOWEVER...
AN ENERGY SO BIG AS TO STOP A TRAIN...
I DON'T KNOW IF A BRAIN COULD ENDURE THAT...
IF YOU EXCEED THE MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE LEVEL...
YOU DIE...!!!

NO... IT'S NO GOOD...
EVEN THOUGH THERE IS A CERTAIN WAY TO SAVE THREE PEOPLE...
I'LL...
...DO IT!!
TO BRING UP A PLAN WHERE WE WOULD RISK EVERYONE'S LIVES... SORRY.
GRAMPS... THANKS.
HIKARI...
TSUKIYAMA.
GET OFF THIS TRAIN BY YOURSELVES...
I'LL STAY.
SHUNICHI!
IT'S ALRIGHT.
I'LL DEFINITELY RETURN TO SENDAI WITH EVERYONE,
SO JUST GO AHEAD, GET OFF, AND WAIT FOR ME.

PLEASE...
IF YOU USE UP ALL YOUR POWER HERE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OFF THE TRAIN, YOU KNOW!!?
SHUN-ICHI!!
NO NEED TO WORRY.

SHUN-ICHI
HIKARI-CHAN...
TSUKI-YAMA-SAN
CAN'T YOU PLEASE WAIT JUST A BIT MORE...?
5 MORE SECONDS UNTIL THE TUNNEL!!
PLEASE...?
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WE'RE RUSHING INTO THE TUNNEL!!!
SHUNICHI...

COMMANDER!!
THE TUNNEL IS TOO SHORT!!
THE SPEED ISN'T SLOWING ENOUGH!!!
WE'RE EXITING THE TUNNEL!!
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2!!
1!!!

カ"ダ"
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4 MINUTES LEFT
UNTIL SENDAI!!!
SHUNI-CHI!!
SHUN-ICHI-KUN!!
HIKARI .....
GRAMPS!!

IT'S A FAILURE!! MORE THAN THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!! ESCAPE, SHUNICHI-KUN!!
SHUN-ICHI...!!
I'M BEGGING YOU, SO PLEASE GET OFF THIS TRAIN TOGETHER!!
...LEAVING EVERYONE HERE TO DIE...?
!!
ME TOO... I WANT TO SAVE EVERYONE, TOO...!!
BUT..!!
...I COULDN'T SAVE MOM ...
IT WAS SO FRUSTRA-TING ..
I WAS SO PATHE-TIC...
EVEN SO... THIS TIME, I BELIEVE I CAN SAVE EVERYONE WITH THIS POWER.
I...
WON'T GIVE UP!!

I...
WON'T ESCAPE ...!!
SHUN-ICHI...
SHUN-ICHI-KUN...
PLEASE, GRAMPS... LEND ME YOUR WISDOM ....!
HE'S REALLY JUST LIKE YOU.
MOMOKO-KUN YOUR SON.
NOT TURNING YOUR BACK TO THE HEAD WIND,
STANDING AGAINST ANY WIND THAT COMES AT YOU...

THAT'S WHY HER COMRADES CALLED HER SOMETHING LIKE THIS...
YOUR MOM ALWAYS SAID THAT AND DID ABSURD THINGS...
?
THE RECKLESS WEATHER VANE,
"RECKLESS VANE",
YOU KNOW.
RECKLESS VANE...
SHUNICHI-KUN, THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE,
HOWEVER... THE PROBABILITY OF SUCCESS IS ALMOST ZERO...!!
RECKLESS VANE
YOUR UNIQUE ABILITY IS CLOSE TO YOUR TRUE NATURE...
AND TO MAKE THE ACTIVATION SMOOTHER, WE NAME IT TO MAKE THE IMAGE MORE CONCRETE.

Compressing the wall of wind even more .
AND IF WE COULD MAKE THAT COMPRESSION EVEN STRONGER AND MAKE SOMETHING HARDER THAN WIND, IT COULD BECOME A "WALL" THAT COULD STOP THE TRAIN.
Becomes an even harder wall
Atmosphere
Compressing air
Air flows in (wind)
THIS CAUSES A CHANGE IN PRESSURE, MAKING WIND.
YOUR ABILITY IS PROBABLY TO USE TELE TO CHANGE MOLECULAR FORMATIONS.
EVEN THEN...
I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF YOUR BRAIN AND THIS TRAIN CAN ENDURE IT OR NOT...
THIS TIME, THE ABILITY MUST BE ACTIVATED OVER FOR A WIDE AREA, AND A STRONG AIR COMPRESSION MUST BE ACHIEVED THROUGH TELE.
...OF COURSE ...!!

THE SPEED IS 132 KM/H. 6700 METERS UNTIL SENDAI STATION!!!
3 MORE MINUTES UNTIL SENDAI!!
HIKARI, YOU HAVE TO GET OFF FAST!!
DON'T WANNA.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT I CAN DO, BUT...
I...
DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP AND RUN AWAY, EITHER...!!
HIKARI...

PROFESSOR!! HIKARI... AND ICHIHARA, DID THEY ESCAPE THE TRAIN SAFELY!?
...!!
...THE TWO OF THEM WILL STAY...
THIS PLACE IS DANGEROUS, SO EVERYONE SHOULD GO TO THE LAST WAGON.
STAY!!?
WHY DIDN'T YOU STOP THEM!!?
...TRYING TO STOP THEM WON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE.
THEY WON'T BUDGE EVEN AN INCH...
...COM-MANDER,
BOTH OF THEM ARE SERIOUS...
TSUKI-YAMA...
THIS BET...
I WILL SUPPORT IT TOO...!!

HAHA... TELL THAT TO ME WHEN WE MAKE IT OUT ALIVE...
SHUNICHI... THANKS...
YEAH...
SHUNICHI... ARE YOU READY...?
LIVE THROUGH THIS!!!
I WILL DEFINITELY...
RECKLESS VANE!!
COME!!

RETREAT!!
EXTREEME PRESSURE RISING!!
RETREAT!!
EVERY RESIDENT FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD, HURRY, AND...
TOUHOKU POLICE HERE
COME!!!!
ICHI-HARA ...?

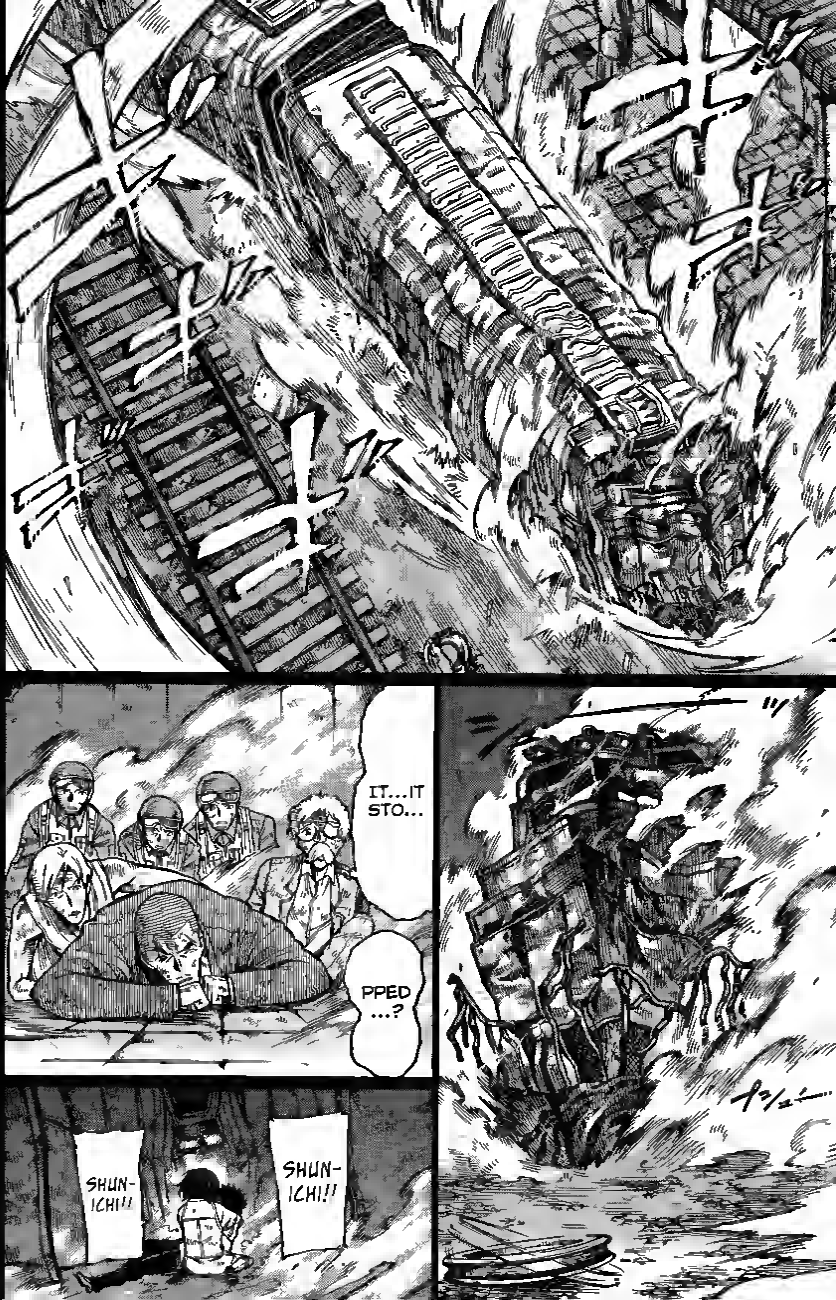
NOT YET!!
STRONGER!!
STRONGER!!!!
THE COMPRESSED WIND BECOMES WATER

AND WATER, COMPRESSED FURTHER...
EVEN DESTROYS STEEL!!!!

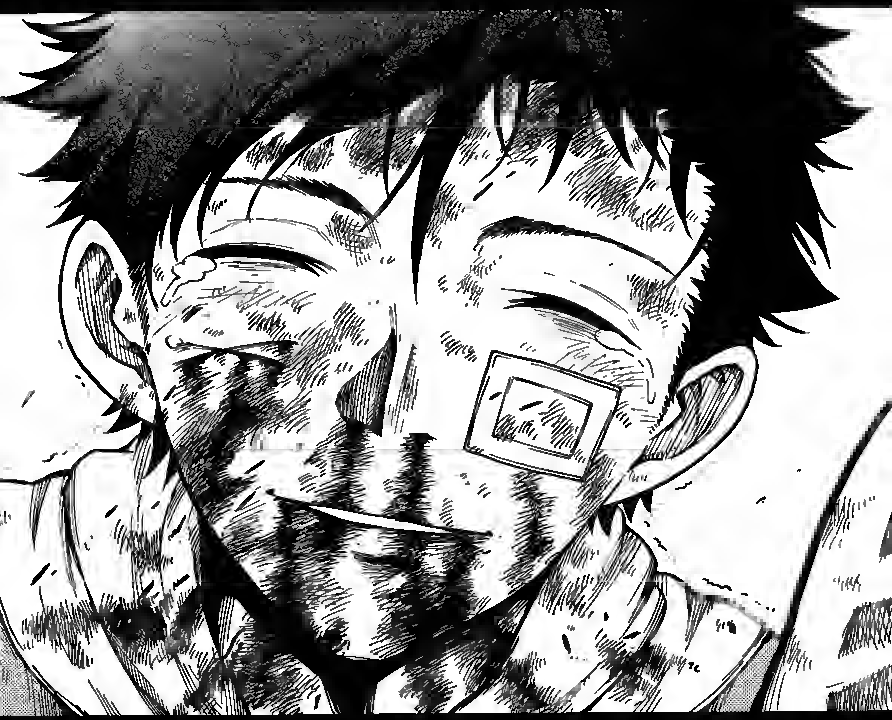
THE DRIVING ROOM IS DESTROYED... NO GOOD, THE TRAIN WON'T HOLD OUT...!
...SHUN...!!
THE MODEL 18'S SLOWING DOWN IS CONFIRMED RIGHT NOW, IT'S AT 93KM/H
3600 METERS UNTIL THE STATION!!
IT WORKS!!
WE CAN STOP IT, SHUNICHI!!!

UGOO
OO
FAIL TO SAVE SOMEONE WHO BELIEVED IN ME...?
WILL I ...G, IN...
...MOM...
SHUN...
...CHI...?

NOT YET!! IT'S NOT OVER YET!!
WE'RE ENTER-ING THE CURB!!
HOLD ON TIGHT!!!
I CAN STILL DO IT!!!!


IT...IT STO...
PPED ...?
SHUN-ICHI!!
SHUN-ICHI!!

MOM... WHY YOU LAUGHED...



I THINK... I UNDERSTAND NOW...

THANK YOU FOR READING!!

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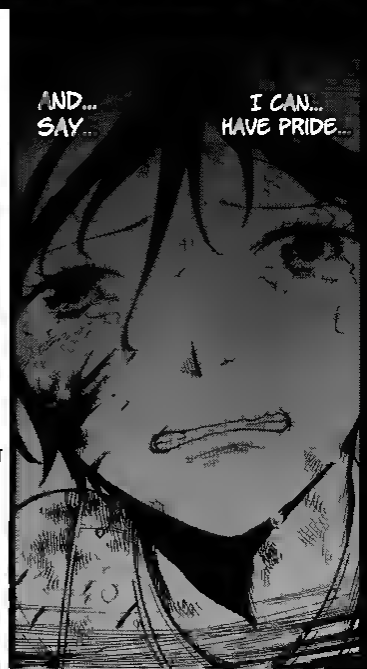
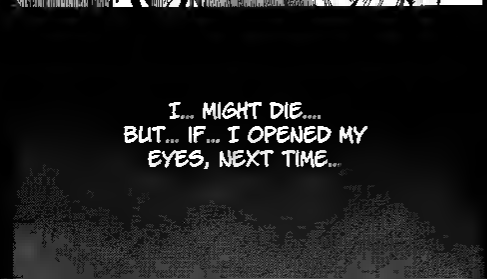
ClosetMonster
Chaba-san
Iceiphoenix
Rukayex
Li_er
Sality
Tramart
Minty
IRST
Takuo

THERE ARE STILL PEOPLE INSIDE!!
BRING THE PRESSURE CUTTER!!
HURRY, EXTINGUISH THE FIRE!!

I... AM...
A... HUMAN...
THANKS FOR ENJOYING THIS MANGA! PLEASE LOOK FORWARD TO TAKAHASHI AKIRA'S NEXT MANGA!! THE SECOND AND LAST VOLUME OF THE MANGA GOES ON SALE ON JULY 4!
SECOND BRAIN——おわり


AND... SAY...
I CAN... HAVE PRIDE...

I'M A MONSTER... I HAVE ALWAYS... THOUGHT THAT.


I... MIGHT DIE.... BUT... IF... I OPENED MY EYES, NEXT TIME...

SHUN!!!
SHUN-ICHI!!!